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Robin Williams, a frequent Laugh Factory performer who committed suicide Monday, marked only the latest comic genius to be plagued by demons of depression and addiction.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left, formally receives on Friday a copy of a \$3.14-billion Saipan integrated casino resort development agreement signed Tuesday by Lottery Commission chairman Sixto Igisomar, left, and Imperial Pacific/Best Sunshine represented in the event by Best Sunshine chief operating officer Terence Tay, second from right. Also in photo is commissioner and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, right.

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» **Governor appoints 2 to Casino Commission**

**B**est Sunshine International Ltd. can use up to three Saipan development sites for its \$3.14-billion integrated casino resort, even as a development plan advisory committee will be formed to review and advise on the resorts design and initial gaming facility. These are among the details of an up to 40-year agreement signed by the Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine on Tuesday and formally presented to Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Friday.

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## Race against time as \$3.14B casino deal details out

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Funds from Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s \$30-million deposit are expected to hit the accounts of retirees waiting for their 25 percent deferred pension on Wednesday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said. The governor said retirees should expect a nine-month payment, covering Oct. 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Interest payment on withdrawn defined benefit plan contributions

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## 8 US lawmakers on Saipan, talk immigration with key businesses

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U.S. House Natural Resources Committee chair Doc Hastings (R-Wa) and seven other members of Congress arrived on Saipan yesterday and were treated to a beachside welcome dinner reception that mixed island hospitality and in-

» **Codel to join Inos in today's Garapan public market opening**

formal talks with key business leaders about immigration policies such as the requested extensions of the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications, national H visa cap, CNMI-only investor visa, and foreign worker program by legislation.

The Hastings delegation, which  
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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
U.S. House Natural Resources Committee chairman Doc Hastings, left, presents a memento to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, at a welcoming dinner reception that the governor and Delegate Gregorio Killi C. Sablan (Ind-MP) hosted last night for members of Congress, at the beachside of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.



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ON FUNDS THAT WILL BE RELEASED TO TIM VILLAGOMEZ, SANTOSES

## Manglona grants US govt request to seize funds

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has granted the U.S. government's separate applications to seize funds that will be

released to former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, former Commerce secretary James A. Santos, and his wife, Joaquina Santos. The applications

» **Judge vacates similar orders issued last October**

were filed in anticipation of the release of funds to restore the 25-percent pension cut of CNMI retirees.

In separate orders on Thursday, Manglona, however,

granted the U.S. government's requests to vacate the court's orders issued in October 2003 that seized the property of Villagomez and the Santos couple, to satisfy a judgment against them.

Manglona said the U.S. government has applied for a second writ of execution upon the judgment in a criminal case rendered in this case against Villagomez and the Santos couple.

The judge determined that the applications meet the requirements of the statute.

She ordered the clerk to issue the writ of execution to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica F. Cruz.

In the applications, Cruz said the funds will be used to partially satisfy the judgment against Villagomez and the Santos couple.

Cruz said that, as of July 31, 2014, Villagomez still owes \$340,900.97 in restitution, while the Santosos still have a balance due each in the amount of \$372,621.53.

With respect to the first writ of execution, Manglona said she reviewed the U.S. government's motion to vacate and found good cause.

Manglona vacated the writ of execution she issued on Oct. 9, 2013.

In the U.S. government's motion to vacate, Cruz said vacating the writ of execution is appropriate the U.S. Marshals Service's levy against Villago-

mez's and the Santosos' property is now untenable since the NMI Retirement Fund no longer exists and has no assets that belong to Villagomez and the Santosos.

The defendants are currently serving prison terms for their conviction for their role in a conspiracy to defraud the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. through needless purchases of a de-scaling chemical.

## Jury selection in Roberto trial now enters 6th day

The jury selection in the federal jury trial of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto will resume today, Monday, its sixth day.

With no jury empanelled on Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona will resume the selection process today with 47 prospective jurors returning back in court.

*Saipan Tribune* learned there are too many prospective jurors who are conflicted, causing the jury selection now entering its sixth day—said to be the longest jury selection in the CNMI so far.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy and U.S. Attorney

for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia A.G. Limtiaco are prosecuting the case.

Guam attorney David J. Lujan and Saipan lawyer Joaquin Torres are private retained counsel for Roberto. The defendant also has two private investigators—John Mantanona and Edward Chaco.

The indictment alleged that Roberto persuaded three underage girls to have sex with him from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013.

In the witness tampering case, it was alleged that while Roberto was detained pending trial, he attempted to influence the testimony of an individual on April 24, 2014. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



### GOP RALLY

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from left, poses with some CNMI Republican Party supporters at the Civic Center in Susupe during the local GOP party's rally for the November mid-term elections.

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# Wiseman denies new trial in lawsuit of woman injured from fall at CHC

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has issued an order denying the government's motion to hold a new trial in a lawsuit filed by Rosa B. Camacho, who was awarded by the court last October \$133,140.17 in damages over injuries she suffered from a fall at the Commonwealth Health Center due to a water leak.

In the order issued on Thursday, Wiseman, however, granted the government's request to amend the previously ordered judgment regarding damages as required by the Government Liability Act.

Wiseman said it is necessary to amend or alter the judgment regarding damages in order to correct a clear error and prevent a manifest injustice to defendants.

The Act limits the judgment to \$100,000 in other tortious occurrences.

In a separate order he issued also on Thursday, the judge amended the previous judgment to reflect compliance with the Government Liability Act. From the total damages award of \$133,140.17, he said the amount is now \$100,000.

Wiseman said the \$100,000 award includes \$97,084.83 in noneconomic damages—for past and future pain and suffering, as well as loss of enjoyment of life. The said noted that this is a reduction of \$33,140.17 from the original award of \$130,225.

Wiseman said the \$100,000 also includes \$2,915.17 in special, economic damages, reflecting the \$720 awarded for future physical therapy, plus the stipulated CHC costs of \$1,501.17 as well as \$694 for pain relieving products.

On the new trial issue, Wiseman said he finds the amount awarded to Camacho not to be excessive in light of the court's calculation and use of its sound discretion in accepting and rejecting certain figures to be awarded when viewing the cases in the totality of the circumstances presented at trial.

Wiseman said he finds that no clear error has occurred in failing to explicitly find and clearly calculate comparative fault, as its reduction from the total amount requested by Camacho reflects any fault or aggravating circumstances attributed to her as proven by evidence presented at trial.

Wiseman said he finds it unnecessary to address defendants arguments CHC and Department of Public Health and Environmental Services regarding

Camacho's testimony, as the court already found—in its June 30, 2013 order—that the court did not err in finding a lack of credibility, and it properly took plaintiff's lack of credibility at trial into consideration in rendering its final judgment on damages (as so reflected in the court's ultimate reduction of the total award by more than 50 percent).

On Nov. 22, 2013, defendants, through assistant attorney general David Lochabay, filed the motion, claiming that "the court made clear errors in the conduct of the trial... which, without correction, constitute a manifest injustice to the Commonwealth defendants."

Lochabay argued that the court "must alter or amend the judgment to conform to the requirements of the Government Liability Act," or specifically limit the judgment to \$100,000.

Second, Lochabay claimed that the non-economic, non-punitive damages awarded in the underlying case were excessive, and pointed the court to various sources and cases from other jurisdictions, as there are no similar cases within the Commonwealth.

Third, defendants claimed that the court did not apply comparative fault, and that the court disregarded Camacho's testimony.

Lochabay asserted that these alleged oversights constitute clear error, and thus they are entitled to a new trial.

Camacho, through counsel David Banes, opposed the motion on the basis that each of defendants' arguments are without merit. Banes argued, among other things, that the court's noneconomic damages award is not excessive, and that the court applied comparative fault when it reduced the total amount of damages awarded by 50 percent.

Banes conceded in the application of the Government Liability Act as to the \$100,000 cap on the amount of damages recoverable from a governmental entity.

Wiseman heard the motion last Jan. 9.

In his order issued yesterday, Wiseman said in finding that defendants are a government entity, the court should have—and likely would have, had defendants put it on notice and requested so—properly applied the standards of the Government Liability Act to the judgment entered as to damages in the underlying bench trial.

Wiseman said he does not

find that the final damages amount awarded to Camacho fails to meet any of the subjective tests contemplated by the CNMI Supreme Court, especially in the absence of any similar cases from this jurisdiction.

Camacho requested \$384,895.17 in total damages, but she ultimately asked only \$290,720.17 after she agreed a 25 percent reduction in her award of pain and suffering and loss of enjoyment of life damages because of other aggravating factors regarding her condition.

Defendants CHC and Public Health argued that Camacho suffered several incidents after the fall a few years ago which aggravated her condition.

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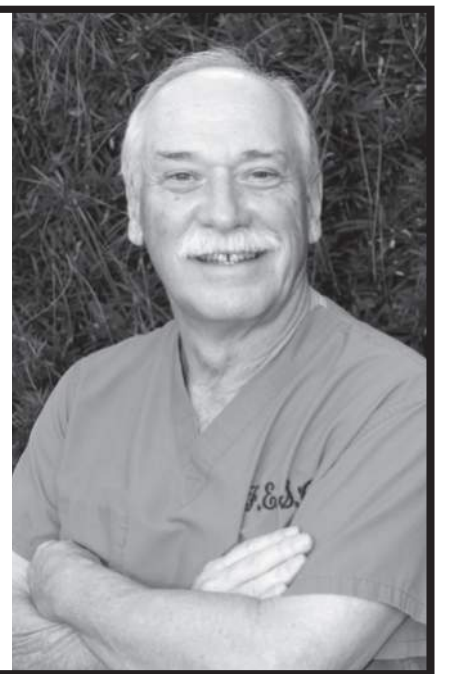
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## RACE

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The governor also conferred, albeit for ceremonial purposes, the integrated casino license to Best Sunshine through the Lottery Commission.

Inos, at the same time, re-submitted on Friday Alvaro A. Santos' name as a nominee to the regulatory Commonwealth Casino Commission. Inos also nominated Joseph C. Reyes to the Casino Commission.

Both appointments require the confirmation of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

Terence Tay, Best Sunshine's chief operating officer, said the casino license grant last week is just one of many milestones and timelines to achieve. He echoed the governor's statement that it's time to really roll up sleeves and "get to work" to build the integrated casino resort.

"So this particular milestone... merely symbolizes the beginning of another race and in many respects, a race against time," Tay said at the Friday ceremony.

Just like the governor, Tay acknowledged the hurdles along the process but those have since been overcome and the parties have taken a major step forward.

"Aside from the inherent commercial risk of such a large, massive investment, there's a lot of work to be done," Tay added. He asked the community to work with Best Sunshine "to make it happen and we will do it together."

Within 60 days of the license award, Best Sunshine is required to provide to the Devel-

opment Plan Review Committee its proposed implementation schedules.

This committee requires two members—an architect or engineer representative or firm experienced in integrated resort development selected by Best Sunshine and representing its interests, and a firm with extensive experience in multiple aspects of integrated resort development representing the CNMI's interests and reports to the governor.

Best Sunshine agrees that a liquidated damage charge is \$100,000 per calendar day. This is for unexcused delays in the development plan schedule, which may be amended from time to time.

The agreement was signed by Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar and Cai Ling Li of Best Sunshine International, and approved as form and legal sufficiency by acting attorney general Gilbert Birnrich.

Imperial Pacific/Best Sunshine has eight years or up to 2022 to fully complete the project, although the initial gaming facility has to be built within 24 months of land acquisition.

But the existing labor pool of U.S. workers and foreign workers is believed to be not sufficient to build all the needed developments.

Within 36 months, the basic structure of an integrated resort also has to be built but no later than 42 months from license issuance date. These include an 800-room, 4- or 5-star luxury hotel, a \$100-million themed entertainment facility with amphitheater, and 10,000 square meters of gaming areas, among other things.

Under the casino license terms and conditions, all of Best Sunshine's gaming activities authorized under the license are limited to these up to three development sites.

"Development site" means a single parcel of property or a grouping of adjoining connected parcels that presents a unified uninterrupted parcel that is under Best Sunshine's control.

The CNMI, under the deal, agrees to actively assist Best Sunshine to secure suitable property for the required land.

Under the agreement, Best Sunshine shall build an integrated resort as phase one of the development, inclusive of accommodations, entertainment, retail, service providers, and casino facilities.

### Gaming area

Although the casino operations are central to the concept of an integrated resort, the total area where actual gaming takes places is no more than 20 percent of the integrated resort's gross floor area.

All structures and associated elements of the integrated resort are required to be of a uniformly high luxury standard, comparable to those of the Venetian and Palazzo casinos in Las Vegas and Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore.

Under the casino license terms, Best Sunshine shall promote and hire at least 65 percent U.S. or local residents of all employees.

House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) brought the local hiring issue during the ceremony, which Tay said Best Sunshine is committed to doing.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan)

also encouraged Best Sunshine to tap businesses that are in the CNMI.

"Your success is our success. We wish you all the luck. If there's anything we can do to help, let us know," Reyes added.

Besides Igisomar, the three other Lottery Commission members were Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Public Safety Commissioner James DeLeon Guerrero, and acting Attorney General Gilbert Birnrich. Counsel Jim Stump has also been an integral part of the process.

The governor and Tay thanked the Lottery Commission, Stump, the Legislature, and others who helped to move the casino license forward. The others in the crowd also thanked the governor and Tay, along with the whole Best Sunshine team.

The CNMI required that the license be held by a CNMI entity and has required Best Sunshine to form a domestic entity, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, which is the designated licensee.

### Community chest

Besides the \$1-million nonrefundable application fee and the \$30 million held in escrow and on its way to pay retirees and defined benefit plan members, Best Sunshine will be releasing more dollars into the community within months.

Within 60 days of the Aug. 12 date of issuance, Best Sunshine will provide \$10 million in the form of Commonwealth Utilities Corp. vouchers which will be distributed in consultation with the governor.

Tay clarified that the definition of those who are eligible

to receive the CUC vouchers is still "not clear cut" and would need more time to be refined.

"I think the language is still being ambiguous. Give us some time," he later told reporters.

Within 60 days of commencing construction work on the first hotel in the integrated resort, Best Sunshine shall contribute \$20 million toward its community benefit programs such as on education, scholarship, infrastructure, health care, and employee retirement benefits, as may be determined in consultation with the governor.

Another \$20 million will be released upon the first full year of operation of Best Sunshine's first hotel in the integrated resort.

The casino license or the duties entailed may not be transferred, encumbered, assigned, pledged, or otherwise alienated without the Casino Commission's express written consent.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan), author of the casino bill that became law, said the casino measure will go a long way in addressing the financial needs of the retirement plan but also tourism and employment.

### Tons of work ahead

At the ceremony, the governor asked permitting agencies, as well as the Department of Public Lands represented by Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, to assist the developer to get the project moving.

Inos told the crowd gathered in the governor's conference room that the process wasn't a smooth sailing "but we managed to get through and basically addressed many of the concerns, especially those coming

from the private sector."

"I am pleased that we have reached this stage in the process of the integrated resort development project despite challenges along the way. I ask all permitting agencies to ensure that all necessary requirements are met in order to move this project forward. I thank the members of the legislature, the cabinet, and all who have gone above and beyond to move this project along. The CNMI looks forward to working with Best Sunshine for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth," the governor said in a separate statement later.

The governor spoke of major economic improvements, creation of thousands of jobs, raised standard of living.

"There's just all kinds of opportunities for all of us. This couldn't have come at a better time. We're at a point where we really need to address many of our government's financial obligations primarily retirement fund and all the other needs delineated in the statute," he told the crowd.

Inos said this is "just the beginning but it's going to be a major change."

"It's going to transform our economy here in a major way..." he added.

DPL's Tenorio said the department will do its best to assist Best Sunshine in finding suitable tracts of land for the integrated resort.

During the ceremony, Tenorio sought guidance from the acting AG, Birnrich, as to what DPL should do to the "No to casino" signs still on public land especially now that the casino referendums won't make it to the ballot on Nov. 4.

## RESTORED

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will follow next week.

"It's a nine-month restoration. At this point, we are going to be doing this thing prospective," Inos said at a ceremony on Friday to confer an exclusive casino license to Best Sunshine, three days after the actual signing. The \$3.14-billion agreement is the single-largest development in the CNMI's recent history.

Inos said future disbursements of restored 25 pension will be made on a quarterly basis.

The current plan is to issue the 25 percent payments for the July, August, and September 2014 quarter on the first week of October, and so forth.

"Beyond that, as you know, this agreement is for 40 years...\$15 million a year, so there is enough. In fact, as we move forward, the amount needed to do the pension would decrease because of the actual

nature of the program. People will get out of the system and so less pension would be issued," he said.

Inos responded to a clarification request from Rep. Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) on Friday.

Larson, meanwhile, issued on Friday afternoon a timeline for payment.

She said funds were transferred from the escrow to Bank of Guam on Friday morning. Thereafter, funds were trans-

ferred from Bank of Guam to Bank of Hawaii.

Larson said the NMI Retirement Fund will process the payments.

"Funds are expected to hit retiree accounts Wednesday, Aug. 20," she said. "DB interest to follow a week thereafter."

While the 25 percent pension will be processed by NMIRF, the DB interest will be processed by Finance. Larson once again reminded the public to turn in their form W-9 "to pre-

vent delays in payment release."

The governor also signed on Thursday separate Rota and Tinian local bills each appropriating proceeds from the casino license fee deposit for Rota and Tinian retirees.

Inos signed Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) House Local Bill 18-59, Draft 1 into Tinian Local Law 18-9, appropriating \$2 million for Tinian retirees, their survivors and other Tinian programs such as for retroactive salary payment and

payment of a civil judgment.

The governor also signed Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) HLB 18-58, D1 into Rota Local Law 18-15, appropriating \$2 million for Rota retirees, survivors, and other programs.

Besides the restoration of pension and payment of DB interests, residents should also expect a total of \$10 million in utility vouchers from Best Sunshine within 60 days from the signing of the casino agreement on Aug. 12, or by middle of October.

## LAWMAKERS

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includes the CNMI's own delegate, Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), also stopped in Australia and New Zealand for talks on the free-trade Trans-Pacific Partnership, energy development, and the realignment of U.S. forces in the Western Pacific.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Sablan co-hosted the welcome dinner reception at the beachside of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

"We're glad to have you all here on Saipan," the governor told the delegation.

Besides Hastings, the delegation also has Agriculture Committee chairman Frank Lucas.

Also on the team are Chairman Jack Kingston, the third-ranking Republican on the

House Appropriations Committee and Chair of its Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; Chairman John Fleming, who heads the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs; Doug Lamborn, who chairs the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee; Richard Hudson, Chairman of the Transportation Security Subcommittee; and Rob Woodall, Chairman of Rules Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process.

"Your hospitality has been very, very good. We surely look forward to tonight," Hastings said at the welcoming reception.

He said he's privileged to lead the delegation, and privileged to chair the House Natural Resources Committee, which has jurisdiction over U.S. territories.

Hastings presented the governor with a porcelain memento depicting Washington, D.C.

Only a few minutes into the reception and the congressional delegation members were already in informal talks with key business leaders in the CNMI, mainly on immigration policies that affect the CNMI.

A pending bill seeks to extend beyond 2014 the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications to help protect the now recovering tourism industry. The bill also seeks to extend beyond 2014 both the E-2 investor visa program and the foreign worker program, along with an extension of the CNMI and Guam's exemption from the national H visa cap.

Among the CNMI business leaders that got to sit down and talk to the visiting members of

Congress were Duty Free Shoppers' Marian Aldan-Pierce, Joteten Group of Companies' Norman Tenorio, Triple J's Robert Jones, McDonald's Joe Ayuyu, Delta Air Lines' Chris Concepcion, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan, Dr. Vicente Aldan, and Delta Management's Jim Arenovski.

The governor was also joined by other government officials, including House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Northern Marianas College President Dr. Sharon Hart, and Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Sablan, in a statement, said he's "very grateful that these Members accepted my invitation and took the time from their very busy schedules to visit the

Northern Marianas and learn about the work we are all doing to grow our economy and improve life for everyone in our islands."

This morning, the congressional delegation will join the governor in cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of the new Garapan public market.

Funding for this project was a \$200,000 earmark that Sablan obtained during his first year in Congress. Sablan got \$1.35 million in earmarked funds specifically to the CNMI that year, but it was also the last year than earmarks were permitted.

The market will be a venue for local farmers, ranchers, and fishermen to make their produce available seven days a week.

"The Garapan Public Market was just an idea for years, because there was no funding.

Now, because of the earmark I pushed through, we have a place that will help grow our agricultural and fishing economy, add to our tourism, and help us all be a little healthier by eating fresh, local foods. I'd say that is a pretty good return on a \$200,000 investment," Sablan said.

He also recognized the work that the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources did to put his earmark to use, including Secretary Arnold Palacios and staff.

The Garapan public market has also led to the formation of a new CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association, which could mean greater cooperation and coordination among farmers.

The congressional delegation heads back to Washington shortly after the Garapan Public Market opening ceremony.



# NMC leads first-ever youth summer camp in Kagman

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The Northern Marianas College's 4H Clover Alliance Program teamed up with the Division of Youth Services this summer to provide children ages 6-8 with a camp full of physical activity as well as arts and crafts at the Kagman Community Center.

The 4H/CHL Kagman Summer Camp—which concluded last week—was the first camp of its kind held in the Kagman area, according to DYS administrator Vivian Sablan.

She said through NMC's leadership, the camp's first year "turned out really good," as 30 children signed up, with an average of 20 showing up each day for three weeks.

The camp led kids through physical activities such as hula hoop and obstacle courses, as well as arts and crafts, with *mwarmwars*, beads, masks and posters made by the children, according to Tanya Belyeu-Camacho, a program coordinator at NMC.

She said PSS' Food and Services provide the children with breakfast and lunch everyday.

Polly Omechelang, NMC's 4H extension agent who helped lead the camp, said their motto is to "make the best better."

She said that the camp was a pilot program and said she would like to see more camps and more youth as they try to



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Camp leaders and volunteers pose with children ages 6-8 at their recently concluded three-week summer camp in Kagman. The 4H/CHL Kagman Summer Camp was led by NMC and was the first of its kind in the area.

help youth grow to become better citizens.

She pointed to the "awesome" youth leaders who helped run the camp.

Robert Suzuki Jr., NMC student president of the 4H club, said he loves working with children and has been participating in programs and activities like these since before his freshman year in high school.

"In my first year, I wasn't really into the idea of working with kids, but then as I started working with them it really motivated me to major in [rehabilitation and human services]," he said.

Suzuki is currently an NMC student in his second year. An-

other leader, 4H club's treasurer, Jenella Nelmida, a high school senior at MHS, said she enjoys teaching the children "skills and the values of life."

"We learn from the kids as much as they learn from us," she said.

The two leaders said part of their work includes team-building, one-on-one conversations with the kids, and being patient and sensitive to their needs.

"I think we bring [the children] out of their shells, or we help them guide them towards a better path," she said.

"We have one-on-conversations with the kids. They tell us their problems, if they're being bullied at school. We try to help

them figure out a way to [solve their problems]," Suzuki added.

Omechelang described the youth leaders as "really good with kids," as the children are more comfortable with them than older adults.

"They are awesome. They blend well with the kids and the kids relate to them," she said.

Suzuki said he wants to "help the kids grow into our future leaders," but added that the camp gives opportunities not only for kids but for older youth as well who want to volunteer.

"We actually want to open up an opportunity for high school students. They need community service hours, we want to help them also," he said.



DENNIS B. CHAN

Youth leaders and volunteers guide kids during their arts and craft session last Friday as part of a summer camp held at the Kagman Community Center.



DENNIS B. CHAN

A child draws with his marker during an arts and crafts session at the 4H/CHL Kagman Summer Camp.

## Mountain-Pacific Quality Health awards CHC for Pursuit of Excellence

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has been awarded a Pursuit of Excellence certificate by Mountain-Pacific Quality Health.

Mountain-Pacific, a subsidiary of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or CMS, lauded CHC for providing quality care for the people of the CNMI.

Mountain Pacific in partnership with CMS engages providers and brings evidence to CMS that several hospitals provided by Mountain Pacific show improvement on patient care, em-

powers patients on managing their own health, and encourages community collaboration for trainings.

Mountain Pacific in Hawaii works directly with hospitals, home health agencies, and nursing homes in the U.S Pacific territories including CNMI.

It also provides hospitals an educational training and resources to improve the hospitals knowledge base and expand quality improvement efforts.

Health stakeholders in the CNMI are visited and coordinated by Learning and Action Networks under Mountain Pacific. The trips are done regularly on each island through

memberships from local community healthcare organizations and health families.

As part of CHC's improvement on services; CHC provides trainings for its employees and Mountain Pacific is part of the training providers that CHC has.

"We commend CHC for its commitment to improving the quality care and quality of life for the residents of the CNMI," said Mountain Pacific in Hawaii director Dee Dee Nelson.

Nelson also said that they are grateful for providing improvement training to CHC's nurses, physicians, and pharmacy personnel.

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## Hospitality Class enrollment for high school juniors and seniors now open



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**WHEN:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school from approximately 3:00PM - 6:00PM. Classes will follow the PSS fall semester schedule.

**WHERE:** Classes will be taught at MHS, KHS and SSHS after regular school hours.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Seniors and juniors at Marianas, Saipan Southern or Kagman High Schools.

**COMMITMENT:** 9 hours of class room work per week, consistent attendance and after class work and reading required. Student will be expected to pass regular quizzes and tests and must pass the final exam with 70% or above to receive your certificate.

**SPACE AVAILABLE:** There are 25 slots for each high school for a total of 75 slots for the Fall semester.

**COST:** No charge to the student. PSS has contracted Latte Training Academy for this course.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:** Contact Latte Training Academy at lattetrainingacademy@outlook.com or call 287-7037. Spaces are filling up, so act soon.

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# Kilili welcomes Congressional Delegation to NMI

## » Seven House chairmen among group

**SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands**—Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan and a group of seven other Members of Congress arrive on Saipan today. The delegation, led by Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA), has also stopped in Australia and New Zealand for talks on the free-trade Trans-Pacific Partnership, energy development, and the realignment of U.S. forces in the Western Pacific. Governor Eloy Inos hosts a dinner for the Congressmen Sunday evening and has invited various representatives of the community at large to attend. Monday morning the delegation will help cut the ribbon at

opening ceremonies for the new Garapan Public Market.

Congressman Sablan thanked the Governor for his hospitality and noted “this is certainly the most important congressional group to visit the Northern Marianas at one time.

“In addition to Chairman Hastings we have a second full committee Chairman, Frank Lucas, who steers the Agriculture Committee. And we are welcoming Chairman Jack Kingston, the third-ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee and Chair of its

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

“Also with us are Chairman John Fleming, who heads up the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, Doug Lamborn, who chairs the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Richard Hudson, Chairman of the Transportation Security Subcommittee, and Rob Woodall, Chairman of Rules Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process.

“I am very grateful that these Members accepted my invitation and took the time from their very busy schedules to visit the Northern Marianas and learn about the work we are all doing to grow our economy and improve life for everyone in our islands,” Sablan said.



Sablan

Inos for ceremonies marking the opening of the Garapan Public Market.

The Market will be a location for local farmers, ranchers, and fishermen to make their produce available seven days a week. With refrigeration and other facilities to keep food fresh and attractive the Market will give consumer greater opportunity to find nutritious, homegrown foods for their households. And tourists will have one more destination where they can get a taste of island life.

Funding for the project was a \$200,000 earmark that Congressman Sablan obtained during his first year in Congress. Sablan got \$1.35 million in earmarked funds specifically for the Northern Marianas that year, but it was also the last year that earmarks were permitted.

“The Garapan Public Market was just an idea for years, because there was no funding. Now, because of the earmark I pushed through, we have a place that will help grow our agricultural and fishing economy, add to our tourism, and help us all be a little healthier by eating fresh, local foods.

“I’d say that is a pretty

good return on a \$200,000 investment.”

Sablan also recognized the work that the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources did to put his earmark to use.

“Getting the money was really just the first step. And the money sat unused for a number of years. But when Secretary Arnold Palacios came in – and with a lot of work from DLNR staff at the eleventh hour putting the paperwork together—the project started to move.”

The Market has also led to the formation of a new CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association, which could mean greater cooperation and coordination among farmers.

“It will be good to see a grassroots organization from our community running this Market and making it successful,” Congressman Sablan said. “I look forward to shopping there.”

The congressional delegation heads back to Washington shortly after the Garapan Public Market event. **(PR)**

# OVR to take action on needs of transition-aged youth with disabilities

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is going to help transition-aged youth with disabilities in the CNMI, due to a drop in youths with disabilities applying to OVR since 2013.

OVR director Arlene Yamagata told *Saipan Tribune* that the success ratio is lower for transition-aged youth than the general population of individuals with disabilities served by OVR.

Transition-aged youth include students with disabilities that range from 14 to 24 years of age.

“The number of employment outcomes is very low for this population,” Yamagata said.

Other factors or barriers for youth in transition are that majority lack job skills, don’t have education or training, and not having job search skills.

The youths in transition’s barriers to accessing OVR services had difficulty accessing training or education programs under OVR and inadequate disability related accommodations.

According to Yamagata’s documents on the needs assessment report, OVR counselors visit three high schools on Saipan once a month educating students and to do intakes as needed, OVR counselors do not get invited to Individualized Education Plans or IEP meetings at schools on a regular basis, and exposure of youths with disabilities to job opportunities and training.

Yamagata said that OVR wants to resolve this issue by providing more outreach to the communities for youths in transition.

According to Yamagata, OVR counselors will be participating in IEP meetings for students with disabilities that will acquire the schools staff to invite counselors to meetings.

Other actions that OVR will take is review the existing memorandum of understanding with the school administrators and review their requirement for

current testing of special education students with the Public School System in order to speed referrals and the intake process.

OVR counselors will also be meeting with students and families on intakes that cannot be done in school, and was highly recommended for Rota and Tinian and distant villages in Saipan.

OVR counselors will be in partnership with schools for referrals on developing a summer program for youths to take in summer jobs with their abilities, work the youths in transition into a graduate student or exit the school system after completing, and develop mentoring programs to help young people with disabilities in school.

Yamagata said that the needs of the transition-aged youth was part of the needs assessment that would help OVR understand the multifaceted needs of persons with disabilities in the CNMI.

# American Samoa govt workers to receive back pay

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Wage Hour Division, the American Samoa Government agreed to pay \$177,300 in predominantly overtime back wages to 111 workers employed throughout the government by Aug. 27.

The American Samoa Government also failed to pay an additional 1,491 workers for 133,354 overtime hours worked. These back wages will be paid back to the affected workers throughout the year. “The latest findings reflect our continuing collaborative efforts with American Samoa government officials to correct past deficiencies in the manner in which work hours were recorded and paid,” said Terence Trotter, the division’s district director in Hawaii. “We will continue to train their staff on the compliance principles of the Fair Labor Standards Act.” **(PR)**

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BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
-v- )  
LEE RODRIGUEZ, )  
fka LEE R. FRANCIA, )  
Defendant. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on July 2, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant Lee Rodriguez fka Lee R. Francia in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT 010 K 302 containing an area of 904 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987 as file no. 87-2910 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on August 28, 2014, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to the sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and/or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenant, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyers shall not be entitled to rescission, damages, or any other remedy on account thereof.

Contract of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price on any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders. In the sole discretion of the undersigned, b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs, and usages of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.

c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder assumes all risk of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.

d. Disputes. The undersigned may resubmit any property listed in this Notice if a dispute arises as to any bid thereon.

Enforcement of Auction Sale.

a. Deposit. Every successful bidder shall pay to the undersigned a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price immediately after the sale is consummated. Payment shall be in cash or by certified check. The balance must be paid to the plaintiff, in care of Mailman & Kara, LLC, within three (3) days from the date of sale, in cash or by certified check. If the balance is not so paid, plaintiff will retain the deposit as liquidated damages, and will again offer the property for sale.

b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.

c. Court Approval. Every sale is subject to approval by the Court. The auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with respect to court approval of the sale, including but not limited to the time in which such approval may be granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified when court approval is granted.

Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 25th day of July, 2014:

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

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LPP MORTGAGE, LTD., )  
Plaintiff, )  
-v- )  
MICHAEL P. KILELEMAN, )  
and JULITA ANN TAGABUEL, )  
fka JULITA T. KILELEMAN, )  
Defendants. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on August 4, 2014, in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendants Michael P. Kileleman and Julita Ann Tagabuel, fka Julita T. Kileleman, in and to the following real property located at Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands:

LOT NO. 011 G 765 (commonly known as Kagan III. Lot No. 011 G 765, Saipan, MP 96950) containing an area of 811 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 17 dated December 3, 1993 and recorded December 9, 1993 as file no. 93-4285 at the office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on August 28, 2014, at the hour of 10:45 a.m., at the law offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC, 2nd Floor, Tan Marikita Bldg., Beach Road at Cpl. Derence Jack Street, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 7th day of August, 2014:

/s/ RONNIE D. HODGES, Auctioneer

Procurement And Supply  
CNMI Government

INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NO.: IFB14-CHCC-137(A-D)-CIF SAIPAN  
Submission Date: September 12, 2014 • Time: 10:00 A.M.

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Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular working hours.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Warren P. Villagomez, Hospital Emergency Preparedness Director at (670) 236-8762, or fax to (670) 236-8769 no later than the close of business, August 29, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA  
Chief Executive Officer, CHCC

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
MOHAMMED YASIN )  
Defendant. )

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 9, 2014, at 1:30p.m. a hearing will be held before Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Plaintiff’s Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of July, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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BANK OF SAIPAN, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
RUDOLF W. LEIS and )  
HELGA G.G. LEIS, )  
Defendants. )

TO: RUDOLF W. LEIS and HELGA G.G. LEIS  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which shall be provided upon request to Plaintiff’s counsel, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff’s attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D’Torres Building, Garapan, P. O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your Answer.

Your Answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:  
DATED August 15, 2014

/s/ CLERK OF COURT  
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# MHS sees increase in student population

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

Marianas High School expects its enrollment number to increase to 1,508, which according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan is the highest its been since her tenure in the Public School System.

To date, Saipan Southern High School has 807 enrolled, while Kagman High School has 655 enrolled, according to school readiness report for school year 2014-2015.

Both Sablan and Board

of Education chair Herman Guerrero said it is still too early to say if there has been an increase in population as school has not started yet and enrollment is still ongoing.

Guerrero, however, believes there has been a shift in people, especially workers, who have lived in Kagman or the more remote places of the island that are now situated in the more populated places for employment reasons.

"They relocate to the front side of the island and as result increase the population of Mari-

anas High School," he said.

According to him, the numbers for MHS have been previously around 1,300 or 1,400.

"You cannot predict these things. A lot of people over the years start moving to the front-side of the island because jobs are there [or] family," he said.

He said it poses challenges for MHS as it will affect the teacher-student ratio at the school.

Both the commissioner and board chairman acknowledged that there are still vacancies in positions within PSS as the year approaches.

However, Sablan said PSS is "rigorously working" to have these vacancies filled by the school year.

The commissioner declined to disclose numbers, saying they were tentative and that there would be data better indicative of where PSS is at during the next BOE meeting on Aug. 26.

Guerrero said if vacancies in teacher positions were not filled, PSS would have to tap into its pool of substitute teachers.

"We certainly would prefer full-time teachers than substitute teachers," he said.

PSS, meanwhile, is launching a campaign to get public support for House Legislative 18-12—in November's ballots—to amend the CNMI Constitution to increase PSS' share of the annual government budget from 15 percent to 25 percent.

Both Sablan and Guerrero said that based on the people

they've talked to, no one has said "no" to the initiative, as responses have been positive.

Sablan said a campaign drive ranging from stickers, brochures, television ads, forums, PTA and youth meetings will be pushed as they try to educate the public about the education needs of children in the CNMI.

## Empty Vessel thanks sponsors of 2014 summer program

Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation wishes to thank its sponsors, supporters, teachers, and parents for supporting its 2014 summer program.

The program was funded by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs under the Child Care Development Fund program. The program benefited 40 children. It was a fun program and at the same time children were able to learn new things in different field trips and classroom work and activities.

The sponsors of EVMF's 2014 summer program are the following: AA Enterprises Inc Mobil, Bridge Capital Investment, Island Training Solution, Youth With A Mission, IT&E. Joeten ACE Hardware, National Office Supply, Modern Stationary, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Seventh Day Adventist Clinic

EVMF is also extending its gratitude to the hard work of teachers and presenters, among them Sherwin Mendiola, Alisa Pengalinan, Tania Web, Roger Web, Daina Benavente, Father Ryan Jimenez, Dr. Crystal Pierson of SDA Clinic, John Hirsh



Hertz Rent-A-Car was among the businesses Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation thanked for supporting its 2014 summer program. The company allowed EVMF the use of the van above to transport students for field trips.

of NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross, Kathy Sorrel, staff from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, NMC-CREES, Memorial Park, Division of Environmental Quality, and Submarine.

EVMF also thanked Hertz Rent-A-Car manager Alex Camacho for his generosity and lending a car to transport students for field trips.

EVMF depends on the sup-

port and contribution from businesses, organizations and individuals. Their continuous help enables it to help more children, women, and families in need on Saipan and abroad. (PR)



## MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the MVA Conference Room San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

### MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Preliminary Matters**
  - a) Call to Order
  - b) Roll Call
  - c) Adoption of Agenda
  - d) Adoption of the Minutes
- 2) **Public Comments**
- 3) **Committee Reports**
  - a) Finance
  - b) Personnel
  - c) Legislative
  - d) Destination Enhancement
- 4) **New Business**
  - a) China ADHOC Programs
  - b) Japan ADHOC Programs
- 5) **Old Business**
  - a) Renewal Option with AVIAREPS Marketing Garden
- 6) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 7) **Executive Session**
- 8) **Adjournment**

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce  
Chair, MVA Board of Directors



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan**. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
  - d. Adoption of Minutes
    - i. August 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. NMHC's Policies and Procedures
    1. CDBG
    2. Program and Housing Division
    3. Mortgage & Credit Division
    4. Fiscal Division
    5. QAP 2015/16
  - b. Saipan Comfort Homes LIHTC Application
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. USDA RD Update
- V. **LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**
- VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VII. **OTHER MATTERS**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**  
Chairwoman of the Board

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 16, 2013

### NMI commits to enforcing ACA

Despite some concerns and challenges in implementing the Affordable Care Act on island, the Northern Mariana Islands has confirmed with the federal government its commitment to start enforcing the health care law by next year.

CNMI Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, who is also the state insurance commissioner, affirmed the CNMI's commitment in a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Monday.

Saipan Tribune learned that HHS had asked the CNMI in a July 12 letter if the Commonwealth can start the substantial enforcement of the ACA come 2014. Igisomar said his Aug. 12 response letter merely informs HHS that the CNMI is working toward "substantially enforcing" the ACA.

"The letter sent from my office is to confirm with only one question, yes or no, to the substantial enforcement of the ACA come Jan. 1, 2014," Igisomar told Saipan Tribune, adding that the "most immediate plan of action will be dependent upon the response of HHS."

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as the Affordable Care Act—and Obamacare among its critics—was signed in March 2010. Its intention is to insure all Americans and reduce the costs of healthcare, including regulating the premium rates of health insurance carriers. This law includes several provisions and policies that are being challenged by many states. Igisomar earlier disclosed that one of the challenges the CNMI faces is its ability to enforce market reforms under the ACA. Some examples of these market reforms are pre-existing conditions exclusion; fair health insurance premium; guaranteed availability of coverage; nondiscrimination in healthcare; and many others.

### FSM envoy marvels at changes on Saipan

Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador to Washington, D.C., Asterio Takesy, marvels at how Saipan has transformed itself from a sleepy town in the 1970s to a hub of tourism activity these days. Takesy is on Saipan with his wife Tina, arriving a couple of days ago to attend the funeral of Tina's mother Cecilia.

Takesy, who is actually a former resident of the island, got together for breakfast yesterday morning with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and honorary Palau consul Joe Lifofoi. The get-together was organized by Dave M. Sablan and his wife Rita. Also in attendance were Takesy's wife Tina, Lifofoi's wife Cecilia, Fr. Ken Urumulug, S.J., and Sablan's staff Kyle Calabrese.

"Saipan is truly home to us. All three of our daughters were born and raised here. We not only have friends but also relatives, blood relatives like Joe [Lifofoi] and Rita and David [Sablan]," Takesy said. Tina herself said they would always have fond memories of Saipan, since it is the place where she and Takesy first met and where their courtship began.

"It's just like a honeymoon coming back here to Saipan," smiled Tina, an alumnus of Mt. Carmel School. Takesy said he actually lived on Saipan for seven years, from 1970 to 1977. He was recruited as a public information officer straight out of college by the Trust Territory government and worked for one summer.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to our down-to-earth mother, lover, and grandma Lillian Limes! May you enjoy your birthday today, Aug. 18, and God bless you always and enjoy your day! Much love from your family most especially MiKaiLin!





# CNIC visits Guam, addresses service members, civilians

SANTA RITA, Guam—Vice Adm. William D. French, Commander, Navy Installations Command addressed service members and civilians during an all-hands call aboard Naval Base Guam Aug. 14.

French focused on four tenants outlined by Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert, the chief of naval operations, during his brief. Specifically, continued dominance of the seas, cyber technology and security, the Navy’s continued relationship with the Marine Corps and lastly the rebalance to the Pacific.

“The Navy and Marines, our relationship is strong here and will become stronger as we continue to move more Marines here to Guam from Okinawa,” said French. “What is done is Guam is critical to what our posture is across the Navy and across all the services, and the missions that we execute in this part of the world. We could not do that

without the support from here.”

French said the military’s support in Guam for homeported and visiting submarines as well as surface ships, the Marine buildup, and the collaboration with the Air Force directly effects military operations spanning the western Pacific.

He also spoke about changes to military pay charts, uniform changes, water safety and new opportunities for Sailors wanting to serve at sea and Sailor resiliency, namely the quality of life for Sailors necessary to remain healthy and mission capable.

“The concept of resiliency deals with the challenges of life,” said French. “This is how to eat healthier, how to avoid alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and this includes sexual assault prevention. We encourage folks to live their lives healthier to make the long-term health risks go down, feel better and be more effective at what you do. There are a lot

of opportunities here. Continue to look out for shipmates.”

French encouraged Sailors to leave the fence line and engage the culture of Guam, namely with the people and enjoy the family atmosphere of the island.

“There are great opportunities to enjoy this great place,” said French. “Thank you for what you do every day to make this a better place. What you do in Guam is very important and the importance of this place will only grow with time as we bring more Marines, more Navy personnel and their families. Please do everything you can to feel a part of the winning team.”

French reiterated that he was proud of the collaboration and cooperation between all the military services on Guam and the civilians that support the overall mission. He said the value of Guam is not only recognized by the Navy but by all departments that help govern our country. *(PR)*

# Sailors from US Naval Base Guam, Tenant Commands to volunteer at school

SANTA RITA, Guam—Sailors from U.S. Naval Base Guam (NBG) and its tenant commands are volunteering to help Marcial A. Sablan Elementary School get ready for the upcoming school year during “Fix Up” day scheduled for 7 a.m.-noon, Aug. 16.

“This is a great opportu-

# DoD deputy secretary to visit Guam

ASAN, Guam—Deputy Secretary of Defense Bob Work will visit Guam Aug. 19 during his travel to the Asia-Pacific region.

The purpose of the trip is to strengthen multilateral security cooperation in the region, build more robust partnerships, and discuss ongoing efforts and regional security matters.

While on island, Work will meet with Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, incoming Commander, Joint Region Marianas, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo, and other military leaders. He will also tour the military installations and speak with service members and civilian personnel at an all hands call.

Following the direction of the Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Work is overseeing the implementation of the department’s ongoing enhancements to America’s military presence in the Asia-Pacific region, with a particular emphasis on U.S. posture in Guam, Japan and Korea. Work’s visit supports Hagel’s commitment to the rebalance and to strengthening U.S. relationships in the Asia-Pacific with allies and partners.

This is the first time Work is traveling to the Asia-Pacific region as the deputy secretary. *(PR)*

nity for our Sailors to reach out to our sister school, help in a meaningful way, and give back to a community that has welcomed us with such great hospitality,” said Capt. Andy Anderson, Naval Base Guam commanding officer.

In recent weeks, dozens of Sailors have volunteered their time to help public schools throughout the island prepare for the new school year slated to start Aug. 18. About 20 Sailors from commands including NBG, Coastal Riverine Group 1 Detachment Guam, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5, are volunteering their time to paint, rake and water blast at the Agat school this weekend.

Principal Geraldine Pablo said she appreciates the support military members have extended to the local community and that the Sailors offer “tremendous help” as the school gears up to welcome back its students.

“I feel that having the military community come out to support our school is a great way for them to be able to participate in the island community,” Pablo said. “Many military personnel are here on island far from their homes so this will be a great opportunity for individuals to meet new people and form friendships. We are truly grateful to the military for being a positive impact for our students, our school, and the island.” *(PR)*



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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03-2014

Opening date: August 12, 2014 Closing date: September 02, 2014

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

- Position:**
- (1) Custodial-I (Saipan)
  - (1) Terminal Maintenance-I (Saipan)
  - (1) BHS Technician-(Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 02, 2014.**

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA’s Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at [rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp) or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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Executive Director

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Applicants must have at least 2 years work related experience in the retail/gift shop business. Must be friendly, approachable, people skills, a trainer, can work on broken schedules and on holidays, ability to speak other languages but not required, must have good communication skills both oral and written, can work with computer and cash register, able to make work schedule.

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Applicants must have at least 5 years work experience. Must be computer literate, specially the use of accounting software such as QB, ACCUPOS. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must be able to perform bank reconciliation/Payroll/BGRT tax, Input all excise tax payable and other billing to QB, analyze receiving data from POS to QB, record all vendor invoices to QB on daily basis, review and prepare vendor payment based on due dates. Must be detail and deadline oriented. Partake in physical inventory. Must be able to work on weekends and holidays.

### 4 – MERCHANDISER / BUYER

Applicants must have at least 3 years work experience in retail industry. Have great sense of marketing, promotion and advertising techniques. Must be computer literate and must able to read/write and speak English as she/he will order product via phone, emails, fax from off-island and on-island supplier, ability to speak other languages such as Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is a plus but not required. Must be able to work flexible hours, including weekends and holidays.

### 12 – SALES ASSOCIATE

Applicant must have work experience in retail sales, cash handling and using Point Of Sale system. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have excellent customer service skills. Bi-lingual Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is preferred. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

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Ability to interact with customers, providing answer to inquiries about the products, prices, promotions and services, ability to speak other languages such as Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian is preferred. Must have excellent customer services skills. Must be friendly and great personality. Ability to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

### 1 – GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Applicants must have 4 years of work experience. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have creativity and visual advertising skills to perform wide variety of promotions and store signage. Must be hardworking, resourceful and has a keen eye for details, Knowledgeable of printing procedures, website designing and maintenance, point of sales display concept. Must be proficient in Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Acrobat, Coral Draw & other graphic designing software. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays

### 1 – TEMPORARY TATTOO ARTIST

Applicants must have 4 years of work experience working with registered imitation of an original tattoo. Must be knowledgeable the uses of brush and variety of inks and colors. Ability to explain and help customer decide if designs in terms of the tattoos are adapted to their skins for a period longer or not. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Must have excellent customer services. Must be able to work flexible hours, weekends and holidays.

### 1 – MAGICIAN

Applicants must have the ability to perform illusion or other tricks to entertain customers. Must have excellent communication skills both in oral and written. Must be friendly and great personality. Ability to work under pressure and can work on weekends and holidays.

### 1 – SYSTEM/NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Applicants must have proficient knowledge in Networking/ Active Directory, Sonic wall devices-VPN Configuration/ Tunneling, Firewall Policies and Rules, Port Programming, Microsoft Dynamic AX 2012, SQL Server 2008 R2, Windows server 2008 Flat form, Visual Studio 2010, NET working Programming, C# Programming, VOIP Structure, In depth knowledge in ERP Administration. Computer and IT Hardware Configuration. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

### 1 – COOK

Must possess five (5) years of work experience or more. Creative, ability to create new menu when ask by the supervisor, understands the customer wants and needs, friendly and can work fast under pressure. Must follow company policy and procedures. Can work on a broken shift including weekends and holidays.

### 1 – GENERAL MAINTENANCE (Handy Man)

Applicants must have at least 5 years work experience. Must have excellent communication skills (oral and written). Ability to perform multiple task but not limited to plumbing, electrical, carpentry and masonry work and able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

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Hafa Adai!

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## EDITORIAL

### The world needs a freer, better Egypt

**E**gypt, the heart of the Arab world, could and should be a major player today in finding resolution to all of the chaos and violence in the Middle East today. Instead, it is returning to the kind of repressive, police-state ways it experienced under former (and now jailed) President Hosni Mubarak.

The distressing evidence is in the news almost every day.

The country's highest administrative court late last week dissolved the political party of the banned Muslim Brotherhood. The Brotherhood dates back to the 1920s, though its political party was created in 2011. One of its top leaders, Mohammed Morsi, became president for a year. Morsi then was driven from office by the Egyptian military, which chose President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi as president. El-Sissi has turned into another repressive Mubarak type.

This week two senior executives of Human Rights Watch were barred at the Cairo airport from entering Egypt. They had come to discuss their yearlong investigation into mass killings of anti-government protesters. Not even the Mubarak regime had ever stopped Human Rights Watch from entering Egypt.

Despite pleas from President Barack Obama and other world leaders, Egypt has sentenced three Al Jazeera journalists to seven years in prison after they were charged with aiding the Muslim Brotherhood. Even el-Sissi is having regrets about what the courts did, but he has done nothing to right the situation.

Egypt's public prosecutor recently began an investigation of a jailed democracy activist, Ahmed Maher, for alleged high treason because of a June 4 op-ed piece he wrote from prison for The Washington Post. Freedom of thought and speech seems to have little respect among Egyptian authorities these days.

Egypt, the most populous Arab country and the most prominent site of the Arab Spring protests that began in late 2010, is failing to live up to its long and proud history of being a center of Middle Eastern life and culture.

Yes, in recent weeks Egypt has tried to become constructively involved in trying to end the violence between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. But because Egypt's own government is so tied up with internal problems, its peace-making efforts seem weak and ineffectual.

The great hopes of the people in Tahrir Square in Cairo during the Arab Spring uprising have been dashed and the Egyptian people again are being ruled by military authorities who seem to have little stomach for the messiness of democratic institutions and freedoms.

Instead of banning political parties, the machinery of Egyptian government should be creating political space for legitimate competition and dissent.

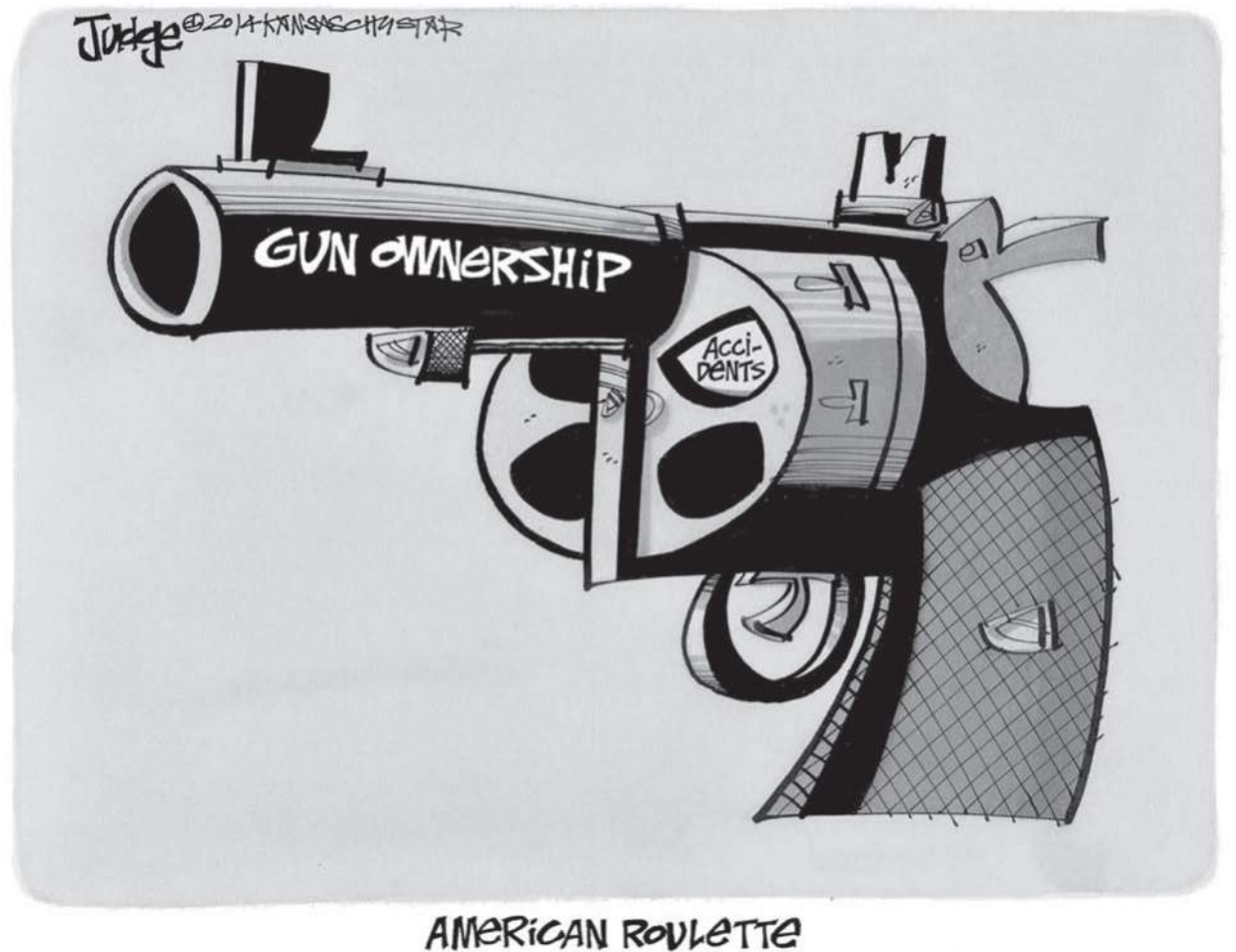
Instead of throwing up roadblocks to people dedicated to monitoring human rights, Egyptian leaders should welcome them and cooperate.

Instead of jailing journalists, authorities should let them work freely and simply insist that the official government's position be reported as well.

And instead of imagining that it's treasonous to write op-ed pieces for western newspapers, Egypt should encourage its people to express public support for foundational human rights.

At the moment Egypt's leadership is getting all of that backward.

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## Michael Brown and Robin Williams

**O**ne colleague ministers to a Presbytery in St. Louis, MO not too distant from Ferguson where the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown occurred that triggered a national protest of indignation and revealed again the ugly racial divide that sears the soul of a nation.

As stand-up comic Robin Williams might have quipped on the vaunted melting pot the U.S. aspires to be as "hardly melting though it has generally gone to pot!"

I do not find anything funny about the Michael Brown case that reportedly began when a cruising officer at 2pm told two young boys to get off the road where they were walking, into the sidewalk where the officer wanted them to be. The language used in the exchange and the alleged altercation that followed has since gone into media frenzy for the latest explosive bombshell in the story; it has turned into another Trayvon Martin case abducted by cause-oriented bodies and the insatiable appetite of the media for blood in the blame-game.

Or, perhaps, that's where the tragedy lies: it has become just another Trayvon Martin case, as one of Martin's Florida lawyers reportedly signed in to represent the Browns in court, and no less than the flamboyant Rev. Al Sharpton showed up at one of the vigils. The Police Commish has his hands full for another media circus.

It is the comedy of Robin Williams whose track record with USO is without blemish that we find levity in life just to be the flip side of its tragedy. Robin himself, found dead at 63 with his belt around his neck in what is now reported to be an act of suicide, would not have found fault in the title we use on the occasion of his death: Good Morning, Baghdad!

The allusion is on the war-comedy movie of *Good Morning, Vietnam*. Williams played a radio DJ for the Armed Forces radio that was more irreverent than the ordinary. The simplistic plot of the movie did not deter in my catching the bug on Robin's brand of humor.

I encountered Williams in the *Mork and Mindy* TV shows when I came in and out of the U.S. 1977-82. The plot assaulted contemporary values, with Mork the alien from Ork, finally marrying Mindy, bearing a child that came out looking elderly (Jonathan Winters played the role). Orkians grew from mature looks at birth into infants when they finally die!

I caught him in the *World According to Garp*, making him a steady presence in my meditative council for his humor in *Dead Poets Society*, *The Fisher King*, *Good Will Hunting*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Night at the Museum*, *The Man of the Year*, and the various voice characters (e.g., *Fern Gully* and *Happy Feet*) he created. Our reference to USO comes from his faithful appearances to entertain the troops in the Afghan and Iraqi war zones.

His rehab away from cocaine addiction is a matter of record, and

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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his bout with alcoholism was often a subject of his own jokes. He married a *Pinoyze* with whom he had two kids, but he guarded his privacy and we respected his choice. It was his brand of comedy, impudent but real, that got us glued.

We are not bothered by the manner of his exit. A dear friend takes depression pills and I know how that can get ugly. We are not being dismissive of what many consider "unnecessary" exist measures either. I am still getting comments for my reflection on self-immolation on my birthday, especially as I lifted up the behavior a colleague who performed the Buddhist act of sacrifice to flames.

It is the manner of Robin Williams' living of his life that we celebrate at this moment of completion. I have said it of myself, and of others before, without reservation nor apology, and of Robin Williams: *he was one unique, unrepeatable gift of life into human history; there has never been one like him before, and there will never be another one like him ever again*. This gem of truth I live with applies to anyone else who comes into this earth. Arrival is not at the end of life; it is at the entry at birth! The rest is a case of unfolding in active dialogue and evolution within one's chosen environment and locale.

I do not know much about Michael Brown, though I suspect, the news will give us all the details of his personal upbringing. We join his mother's wishes that the case focus on Brown's shooting rather than he be sidelined again into another celebrated cause.

Robin Williams will have many retrospective moments before the year is over. His was a life not easy to dismiss, and a sense of humor not easy to discard. His ability to take life itself as the subject of his humor was remarkable. At a USO performance, in the middle of his monologue, the bugle of "Retreat" sounded as the flag was lowered. The crowd immediately stood at attention, executed an about face, and ignored Williams altogether. He turned the intentional about face into hearty guffaws from his audience.

Growing up in an Episcopalian environment who he defined as a Catholic with only half the guilt, this renegade Methodist (a Catholic with no guilt) eeu-toasts his life: *L'achaim!*



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## Heard of dumb things?

**T**here's a whole bag of peeves since 40-plus years ago. Some are good fodder for comedy, others about stupidity, lunacy, humiliation, joy, and summertime blues. I'm sure you also have tons of it. Share it with us just to pass time in this very disorienting time. What's north?

*At a meeting with a huge and powerful global conglomerate in SK a local junior legislator braved explaining to the board chairman business principles. I mean the SOB may be suffering from chronic diarrhea of the mouth and a flushed cranium but need he display ignorance and stupidity? The man we're facing made \$36 billion in one component of his global business. Dumb!*

*In DC we tried justifying our existence before a budget subcommittee. We though we did a superb job until the chairman asked why use Palo Alto, California, for salary comparable where the lowest annual income was about \$100K?*

*We forgot that there's Guam where wages and salaries are still higher than ours. At least we could use the benefit of geographical proximity to slip by. Hence, we learned to review and read our materials before U.S. Congressional Hearings. Dumb!*

*In 1993, we proudly told the U.S. Congress to cease all appropriations dealing with operations expenditure of the local government. I mean we were averaging annual revenues of over \$256 million.*

*That has taken a nosedive down to \$135 million per year and I'm wondering if we didn't speak a bit prematurely? Is someone tiptoeing to DC to beg for money? It must be the use of "shoot first, ask questions later" syndrome. Dumb!*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## New blood and new life with Democrats

The Democratic governor of Hawaii just lost in the primary and was replaced by a new Democratic candidate for governor with an overwhelming 66 percent of the vote even though the incumbent had the support of the president and millions in his war chest for re-election. This David vs. Goliath race in Hawaii reminded me of how David won in the Bible and what the Democrats are facing in the CNMI against the big GOP and two other candidates who are really GOP—the Giant GOP vs the new and young Democrats. But like the new Democratic candidate in Hawaii, the CNMI's Democrats are the only party offering new blood and a chance at a new life for the CNMI beyond casinos. I just pray our local voters are as smart as the Hawaiians when it comes to change and improving the CNMI.

The CNMI has often been reminded of Hawaii's mistakes in our efforts to change and to grow but maybe it is now time voters took note of Hawaii's electorate success and stance to seek new blood with a new, different, and better approach to governing. For over a decade we have seen one GOP/Covenant politician after another taking turns to lead preach and profess the casino as being our only solution for almost everything. Well, we have a casino and the governor is still looking for other options, which proves the casino is not the solution as preached—just a band-aid for election purposes. I refuse to believe the majority of voters are naive enough to follow a GOP plan that does not know where we are even going to build a casino with no real revenue projections or plans for its implementation. In fact, if you read the law and compare the CNMI's revenue potential to other cities with casinos you will know for true the CNMI is getting screwed royally so do your homework voters as there is entirely toooooo much at stake to make such a big mistake in voting again!

Personally, I like the chances for our David-Democrats as they are truly trying to do the right thing oppose to playing the evil politics with smoke and mirror tactics that only serve to get elected but offer nothing in the form of real solutions for the

*president. His use of it on pertinent issues is a decision you can't litigate. Like a veto, when it's done, it's done! Go back to playing marbles!*

*This is where the NMI needs a delegate with intellectual acuity and academic competency. The status quo is a good way to cheer ourselves into self-denial that we've royally screwed ourselves.*

*Must send in the heavyweights like former Speaker Oscar Rasa, former Lt. Gov. Jesse Borja, former Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz, former Justice Ed Manibusan, and others similarly situated.*

*We tell the feds it must use Tinian as a "divert airfield". It won't be long before the feds would be telling us "step aside, this is national security issue, what is it in the statement that you don't understand?" Ooops! Sorry, ah?*

*We declare unto ourselves our rights to sea and seabed resources. It's good punditry for headlines and feel good venting. At day's end, we never even research the truth to our assertion. Could you look closer at Covenant Section 101 and the Magnuson-Stevens Act? Need we conjugate purposeful ignorance in this instance?*

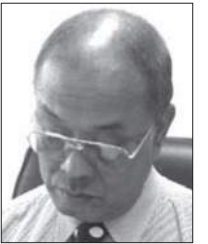
*Watched a television program promoting the use of the Chamorro Language purportedly for cultural revival. But the explanation was ALL in English. Delusional. Eh, right hand no can tell if da kine left hand is working simultaneously. Pot fabot!*

*The chartered NMD bunch has honed the specialty of speaking from both sides of their mouths. Have they had their feet measured to see if they still fit their mouths? Talk about humili-*

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



*ating disorientation!*

*A friend suggested I should employ diplomacy in my writing on any and all issues. Well, I could be tactful and linguistically respectful but not ready to sink into hypocrisy or sanctimonious diplomacy. I tell it like it is, pal, come hell or high water! Truth and integrity matters though mindfulness could help. Did I dumb you?*

*It was a hard beginning scribbling my views that started in the early seventies. The fabricated culture of submission was still strong where social norm expects your keeping your views to yourself. Well, I wasn't ready for any of it and not when our folks were only trying to avoid unsolicited cultural genocide from colonial powers. To follow a fabricated culture would have been the epitome of promoting ignorance. Dumb!*

Through the years it was one total satisfaction seeing our people buying newspapers to read the latest events both at home and elsewhere. Imagine if we had silently promoted ignorance. That would be dumb, too, right? Relish the idea of deliberative discussions on "things that matter."

A friend suggested we demand air service for all the islands. Well, the airline industry is a business in itself. No profit, no can buy fuel, no can fly! Eh, this is reality check pal. The upside is that it prevents the guys and gals from taking junkets! Or are they moaning and groaning to take to the skies even with a huge deficit and major reduction in revenues? Dumb!

My marshland reed doctor recommended that I eat more salt to neutralize my blood sugar. Well, not only is the suggestion woefully simplistic but dumb too! Said he, "If it doesn't work there's the dialysis to cleanse toxins from your blood brud-dah!" This is even dumber!

A physically huge guy of some 380 pounds whispered he's running for a seat on the hill. He snores when he breathes and smiles when flies make quick stops on his nostrils and mouth. He can't even chase flies and he expects me to believe he could literally run up to Capital Hill? Where did I see the shirt with the inscription: "I'm with stupid!" so I buy him one? Dumb!

## Confidentiality issue

I am writing this simple letter our elected leaders if there is a law pertaining to private companies of firm doing as a process server from court documents. This is with regards to a process server entering private property or going to work places to serve an individual of documents. I believed that it's harassment to be checking a client during working hours. There are times when co-workers or neighbors get to know the confidentiality of the issues because of how the server enters the privacy of a client. I think it's proper for the company to send documents to the perspective client to their mailing address. I hope that something has to be done with this issue because there are a lot of people that got the same problems of how the process server enters the private property or work centers. I am asking you all lawmakers to please look into this matter because this is disturbing the peace and is a form of harassment.

**Luis Sablan**  
Dandan






**Ambrose M. Bennett**  
Kagman



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79

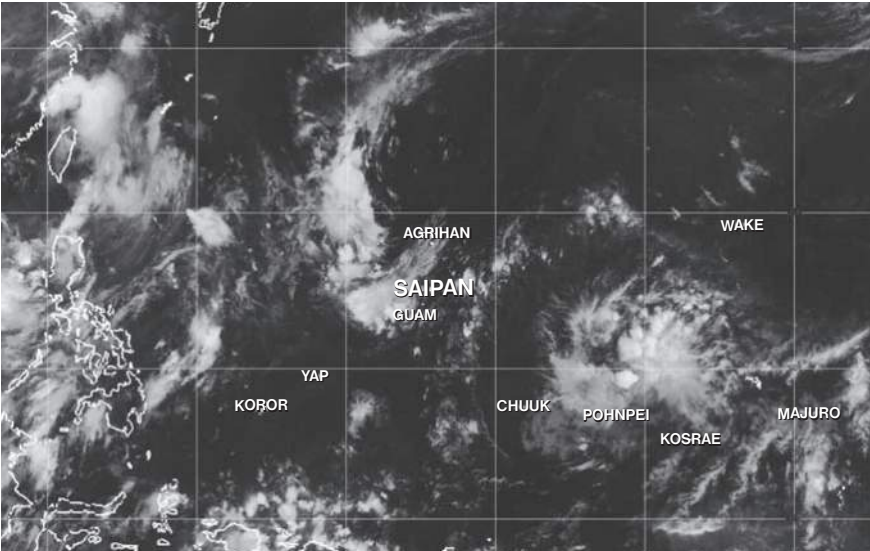
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲58 ▼48
Beijing	Sunny	▲88 ▼67
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲54 ▼49
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲90 ▼80
New York	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼67
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲91 ▼75
Paris	Showers	▲69 ▼52
Pusan	Rain	▲75 ▼73
Rome	Sunny	▲85 ▼64
Salem	Sunny	▲90 ▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼56
Seoul	Rain	▲78 ▼68
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲91 ▼71

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
4:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:03 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from 16N132E to 22N139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present west of the northern CNMI between 16N and 22N from 133E to 139E. An upper-level low is centered near 20N145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over the northern CNMI and near Saipan within 80 miles of a line from 15N141E to 15N144E to 19N146E and farther north between 22N and 25N from 140E to 146E. A surface trough extends northeastward from 11N153E to 22N159E. Isolated thunderstorms are found east of the Marianas between 12N and 22N from 150E to 154E. A surface trough curves southeastward from 8N162E through a circulation centered southwest of Kwajalein near 6N166E then curves northeastward to beyond the date line at 10N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen east of Pohnpei near Kosrae and across most of the Marshall Islands within 300 miles of a line from 12N161E to 3N174E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:54 PM
Tuesday	12:39 AM
Wednesday	1:28 AM
Thursday	2:17 AM
Friday	3:06 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
D2 8009	12:50pm	4:05pm	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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# Business

## Why global turmoil hasn't sunk US markets. Yet.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Europe appears on the brink of another recession. Islamic militants have seized Iraqi territory. Russian troops have massed on the Ukraine border, and the resulting sanctions are disrupting trade. An Ebola outbreak in Africa and Israel's war in Gaza are contributing to the gloom.

It's been a grim summer in much of the world. Yet investors in the United States have largely shrugged it off—so far at least.

A big reason is that five years after the Great Recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing a strength and durability that other major nations can only envy. Thanks in part to the Federal Reserve's ultra-low interest rates, employers have ramped up hiring, factories have boosted production and businesses have been making money.

All of this has cushioned the U.S. economy from the economic damage abroad. And investors have responded by keeping U.S. stocks near all-time highs. Not even reports Friday of a Ukrainian attack on Russian military vehicles unnerved investors for long, with blue chip stocks regaining nearly all their midday losses by the close.

"We're in a much better place psychologically," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "And it's allowing us to weather the geopolitical threats much more gracefully."

Still, the global turmoil comes at a delicate time.

China, the world's second-biggest economy, is struggling to contain the



In this July 3, 2014 file photo, specialist Jay Woods is reflected in a screen at his post that shows five years of the Dow Jones industrial average, on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

fallout from a runaway lending and investment boom that's powered its growth since before the 2008 financial crisis. The economies of Japan and Germany, the world's third- and fourth-largest, shrank in the spring. So did Italy's.

It might not take much—an oil-price spike, a prolonged recession in Europe,

a plunge in business or consumer confidence—to derail the global economy.

Here's a look at the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. economy and others, and why the calm in markets may or may not last:

### STRENGTHS

#### MORE JOBS

Hiring in the United States has surged in the first seven months of this year.

Monthly job gains are averaging a solid and steady 230,000, based on government figures. That's roughly an average of 35,000 more jobs each month compared with last year.

Fewer people are applying for unemployment benefits. And fewer new hires are working as temps. Both trends suggest stronger job security.

Economists say the cumulative effect of all those additional paychecks should propel growth and help insulate the U.S. economy from trouble abroad.

Though low-paying industries account for much of the hiring, many economists foresee more jobs coming from higher-wage industries such as construction, engineering and consulting.

Zandi expects monthly job growth to accelerate to an average of 275,000 sometime next year.

#### RECORD PROFITS

Earnings at companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index are on track to jump 10 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm. That would be the biggest quarterly gain in nearly three years.

That news has helped the S&P 500 index climb nearly 6 percent this year, extending a bull market into its sixth year. The gains have been remarkably steady, too. The stock market hasn't suffered a "correction"—a drop of 10 percent—in nearly three years, twice as long as is typical.

Still, some markets outside the U.S. are falling.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 is down 6 percent this year. Germany's DAX has lost nearly 5 percent, and France's CAC 40 is down 3 percent.

At the same time, global investors have been pouring money into U.S. Treasuries, long seen as a safe bet in troubled times. The yield on Treasury notes maturing in 10 years, which falls when demand rises, hit 2.3 percent on Friday, its lowest level in more than a year.

Christine Short, a director at S&P Capital IQ, worries that more grim news from abroad could send U.S. stocks tumbling. "Markets are ripe for correction," she says. "The only question is, What is the catalyst?"

#### HELP FROM CENTRAL BANKS

The Fed has been paring its pace of bond purchases and will end them altogether this fall. The purchases have been intended to hold down longer-term rates and prod consumers and businesses to borrow and spend. But the Fed has stressed that it will keep short-term rates at low levels even if unemployment reaches a level usually linked to rising inflation.

Before raising rates, the Fed wants to see "the whites of the eyes of a real recovery and wage growth," says Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial.

Many economists project that the Fed won't lift short-term rates until mid-2015. Another plus for economies, at least in the short-term: The Fed's low-rate policies have influenced other central banks.

The Bank of Japan is buying bonds to stimulate growth and the European Central Bank is facing calls to do so itself.

### THREATS

#### FOREIGN EXPOSURE

Though the U.S. economy has managed so far to withstand the economic and geopolitical turmoil abroad, it isn't immune to it.

And the bad news kept coming

this past week.

The 18-country eurozone, a key region that emerged from recession last year and accounts for nearly a fifth of global output, failed to grow at all in the second quarter of the year. "The European recovery is faltering," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

Escalating tension between the West and Russia isn't helping. Exports from the eurozone to Russia account for less than 1 percent of the region's economic output. But Germany, Europe's largest economy, is vulnerable. It gets nearly all its natural gas from Russia. The German economy contracted 0.2 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. And business confidence in Germany is plummeting.

Tom Stringfellow, chief investment officer at Frost Investment Advisors, says the tit-for-tat sanctions between the West and Russia over Ukraine could push the eurozone over the edge. "Unless that is resolved quickly, you could see another recession," he says.

Nearly half of revenue in the companies in the S&P 500 comes from selling abroad. And exports contributed 14 percent of U.S. economic output last year, up from 9 percent in 2002.

#### WHERE ARE THE SHOPPERS?

Retail sales stalled in the United States last month. Wage growth has failed to surpass inflation, leaving many consumers unwilling or unable to spend more. Sales at auto dealers and department stores fell in July.

Wal-Mart this week cut its profit outlook. Macy's trimmed its sales forecast.

"Consumers are finding they can live without a lot of the stuff they used to buy automatically," says Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors, in a research note. "Right now, people are just not parting with their hard-earned funds."

It's not just U.S. consumers who are spending less. Japan's economy cratered in the April-June quarter, due to a sales tax hike. The economy there shrank 6.8 percent from a year earlier. And shoppers face another sales tax increase in October 2015.

#### OIL SPIKE

Will fighting in Iraq and Ukraine upend global energy markets, and raise the cost of filling your gas tank and heating your home?

Europe is worried because it gets much of its natural gas from Russia. And Iraq is the second-biggest OPEC oil producer. Before dropping last month, crude oil prices hit a 10-month high in June on news of victories by Islamic State fighters.

In the United States, gasoline is averaging \$3.47 a gallon, according to AAA. That's down 7 cents from last year. But the benefits of cheaper gas could be erased if supplies were disrupted. Consumers would be hit by what economists consider the equivalent of a tax increase.

One positive to come out of the dire economic situation? Because so many countries are struggling to grow, demand for oil is restrained. On Tuesday, the International Energy Agency lowered its forecast for global demand this year

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Ebola puts focus on drugs made in tobacco plants

**NEW YORK (AP)**—It's an eye-catching angle in the story of an experimental treatment for Ebola: The drug comes from tobacco plants that were turned into living pharmaceutical factories. Using plants this way—sometimes called "pharming"—can produce complex and valuable proteins for medicines. That approach, studied for about 20 years, hasn't caught on widely in the pharmaceutical industry. But some companies and academic labs are pursuing it to create medicines and vaccines against such targets as HIV, cancer, the deadly Marburg virus and norovirus, known for causing outbreaks of stomach bug on cruise ships, as well as Ebola. While most of the work in this area uses a tobacco plant, it's just a relative of the plant used to make cigarettes. "It's definitely not something you smoke," said Jean-Luc Martre, a spokesman for Medicago, a Canadian company that's testing flu vaccines made with tobacco plants.

#### SeaWorld plans bigger killer whale environments

**NEW YORK (AP)**—After more than a year of public criticism of its treatment of killer whales, SeaWorld said Friday that it will build new, larger environments at its theme parks and will fund additional research on the animals along with programs to protect ocean health and whales in the wild. The Orlando, Florida, company said the renovations have been in the works for

some time and that they are not a response to the documentary "Blackfish" or the criticism of the company that followed the release of the film. The company's shares, which are trading near their lowest point since SeaWorld listed its stock on public markets last year, rose Friday. But it remains to be seen if the renovations will fully address concerns about keeping large marine mammals in captivity.

#### Three-wheeled Elio gets closer to going on sale

**ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP)**—Your next commuter car could have two seats, three wheels and get 84 miles to the gallon. Elio Motors wants to revolutionize U.S. roads with its tiny car, which is the same length as a Honda Fit but half the weight. With a starting price of \$6,800, it's also less than half the cost. Phoenix-based Elio plans to start making the cars next fall at a former General Motors plant in Shreveport, Louisiana. Already, more than 27,000 people have reserved one. Elio hopes to make 250,000 cars a year by 2016. That's close to the number Mazda sells in the U.S. Because it has three wheels—two in front and one in the rear—the Elio is actually classified as a motorcycle by the U.S. government. But Elio Motors founder Paul Elio says the vehicle has all the safety features of a car, like anti-lock brakes, front and side air bags and a steel cage that surrounds the occupants. Drivers won't be required to wear helmets or have motorcycle licenses.



## Nation

## Police begin to impose curfew in Ferguson

**FERGUSON, Mo.** (AP)—Police said they fired multiple smoke canisters into a crowd of defiant protesters who gathered in a St. Louis suburb early Sunday where a black teen had been shot by a white police officer while walking down the street.

Hundreds of other protesters left peacefully before the midnight to 5 a.m. deadline took effect in Ferguson, Missouri, where 18-year-old Michael Brown had been shot Aug. 9.

But remaining protesters—chanting “No justice! No curfew!”—refused to leave the area. As five armored tactical vehicles approached the crowd, officers spoke through a loudspeaker: “You are in violation of a state-imposed curfew. You must disperse immediately. Failure to comply, may result in arrest.”

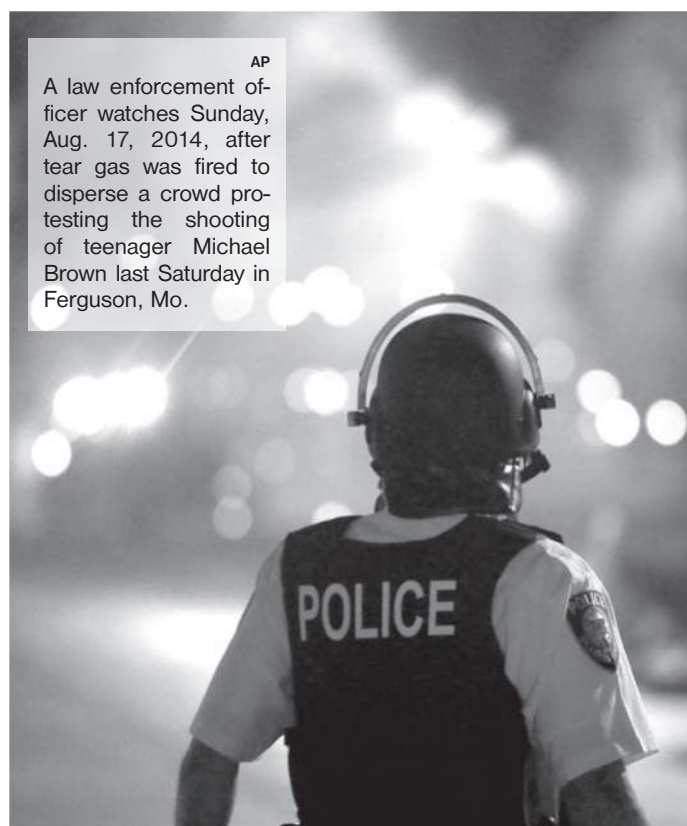
As officers put on gas masks, a chant from the distant crowd emerged: “We have the right to assemble peacefully.”

A moment later, police began firing canisters into the crowd of protesters.

Highway Patrol Spokesman Lt. John Hotz said, “Obviously, we’re trying to give them every opportunity to comply with the curfew.” He said police only used smoke, not tear gas.

But some protesters disagreed, saying their faces and eyes burned. Others screamed in pain.

Jayson Ross, who was lead-



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A law enforcement officer watches Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014, after tear gas was fired to disperse a crowd protesting the shooting of teenager Michael Brown last Saturday in Ferguson, Mo.

ing the protesters toward police, said: “They got guns. We got guns. We are ready.”

The unrest between police and protesters came after Gov. Jay Nixon on Saturday declared a state of emergency in Ferguson.

As the curfew approached late Saturday night, New Black Panther Party leader Malik Shabazz roamed the street with a bullhorn, encouraging people to leave for their own safety. Many appeared to follow his suggestion.

“C’mon you all, let’s roll out,” Shabazz said through his bullhorn. “Let’s roll out of here, get some rest and come back tomorrow.”

Crowds that were in the hundreds prior to the curfew had dwindled significantly in the final hour.

Despite heavy rainfall and lightning, hundreds of protesters gathered Saturday night at a busy thoroughfare that has been the site of previous clashes with police. Scores of officers, a much more visible presence

## Ferguson shooting

*Ferguson, Mo., has seen protests and violence since an unarmed teenager was shot and killed by a police officer.*

**Aug. 9:** Michael Brown, 18, is shot by police. Police say he was reaching for a gun, witnesses say his hands were up.

**Aug. 10:** Hundreds gather outside the police department, initiating protests that have continued each day.

**Aug. 13:** Two journalists are arrested, and later released without charges, while covering the protests.

**Aug. 14:** Police use tear gas to disperse crowds, some of whom are using Molotov cocktails.

Source: Chicago Tribune, AP © 2014 MCT

than the night before, stood watch—including some with shields.

Members of various black community groups were urging people to abide by the curfew, which runs from midnight to 5 a.m. Sunday. A woman from the New Black Panther Party walked the street with a bullhorn, telling the crowd: “Please, please be out of the area by 12 o’clock.”

Some responded to her pleas by cursing at police, while others acknowledged they planned to leave before midnight.

But Keyon Watkins, a 26-year-old computer science worker from St. Louis, said that if many others stay in the street, he would join them.

“All of this is just building

up—pent-up aggression by being mistreated on a daily basis,” Watkins said.

In announcing the curfew, Nixon said that though many protesters were making themselves heard peacefully, the state would not allow looters to endanger the community where 18-year-old Michael Brown

was shot in a street.

“I am committed to making sure the forces of peace and justice prevail,” Nixon said during a press conference at a church that was interrupted repeatedly by people objecting to the curfew and demanding that the officer who shot Brown be charged with murder.

## US rethinks giving excess military gear to police

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—After a decade of sending military equipment to civilian police departments across the country, federal officials are reconsidering the idea in light of the violence in Ferguson, Missouri.

The public has absorbed images of heavily armed police, snipers trained on protesters and tear gas plumes. Against that backdrop, Attorney General Eric Holder said that when police and citizens need to restore calm, “I am deeply concerned that the deployment of military equipment and vehicles sends a conflicting message.”

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said police responses like that in Ferguson have “become the problem instead of the solution.” Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., said he will introduce legislation to curb the trend of police militarization.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said his committee will review the program to determine if the Defense Department’s surplus

equipment is being used as intended.

One night after the violence that accompanied the presence of military-style equipment in Ferguson, tensions eased when a police captain, unprotected and shaking hands, walked through a crowd in a gesture of reconciliation. The contrast added to the perception that the tanks and tear gas had done more harm than good.

As the country concludes its longest wartime period, the military has turned over thousands of surplus weapons and armored trucks to local police who often trained alongside the military.

A report by the American Civil Liberties Union in June said police agencies had become “excessively militarized,” with officers using training and equipment designed for the battlefield on city streets. The report found the amount of goods transferred through the military surplus program rose in value from \$1 million in 1990 to nearly \$450 million in 2013.

## Perry indictment exposes Texas’ political divide

**AUSTIN, Texas** (AP)—A grand jury has indicted Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry on two felony counts of abuse of power for making good on a veto threat—a case the possible 2016 presidential hopeful is dismissing as nakedly political, but which his opponents say is just deserts.

The indictments for abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant came late Friday, after a special prosecutor spent months calling witnesses and presenting evidence that Perry broke the law when he carried out a promise to nix \$7.5 million over two years for the public integrity unit run by the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg. The Democratic official was convicted of drunken driving, but refused Perry’s repeated calls to resign.

The case means the longest-serving governor in state history also became the first Texas governor since 1917 to be indicted. Abuse of official capacity is a first-degree felony with potential punishments of five to 99 years in prison.



Perry

Coercion of a public servant is a third-degree felony that carries a punishment of two to 10 years.

Though the charges are serious, politics are sure to dominate the case. Lehmberg is based in Austin, which is where the grand jury was seated and is heavily Democratic. That’s in stark contrast to much of the rest of Texas, which is fiercely conservative—so much so that a Democrat hasn’t captured statewide office in 20 years.

Still, while Perry says he did nothing wrong in issuing the veto, simply having the word “indictment” associated with him could tarnish his image and complicate his prospects with 2016 GOP primary voters—should he try again for the White House.

When he ran for president in 2012, Perry plummeted from brief front-runner to national punchline, his once promising

campaign doomed by a series of embarrassing gaffes, including his infamous “Oops” moment during a debate. This time, he’s re-made his cowboy image, donning stylish glasses, studying up on foreign and domestic affairs and promising that he’ll be far more humble in the national spotlight.

The unit Lehmberg oversees investigates statewide allegations of corruption and political wrongdoing. It led the investigation against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texas Republican who in 2010 was convicted of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering for taking part in a scheme to influence elections in his home state—convictions later vacated by an appeals court.

Perry himself was never called to testify in this case, but many of his top aides were. David L. Botsford, Perry’s defense attorney, whose \$450-per hour fees are being paid for by state funds, said he was “outraged and appalled” by the grand jury’s decision.

## ACROSS THE NATION

## Too many aboard Washington ferry; 480 had to leave

**BREMERTON, Wash.** (AP)—A Seattle-bound Washington state ferry mistakenly loaded with 484 more passengers than it was rated to carry had to return to the dock and leave the overflow at the Bremerton ferry terminal late Friday afternoon as Seattle Seahawks fans tried to reach an evening preseason game. Ferry staff apparently thought the Cathlamet could carry 1,600 passengers when its capacity is 1,200, Washington State Ferries spokeswoman Marta Coursey said. In all, 1,684 passengers were loaded, so 484 had to leave, she said. Coursey said she couldn’t explain the “misjudged capacity,” saying the Cathlamet has been on the route all summer. The captain turned back after getting the total number of those on board, she said.

## Official: Amish girls sexually abused in abduction

**CANTON, N.Y.** (AP)—Two young Amish sisters were sexually abused after their abduction from a roadside farm stand in northern New York, a prosecutor said Saturday. St. Lawrence County District Attorney Mary Rain’s disclosure came hours after the county’s sheriff said the couple charged in the kidnapping were prowling for easy targets and may have planned to abduct other children. Stephen Howells Jr. and Nicole Vaisey, both of Hermon, were arrested and arraigned Friday on charges they abducted the 7-year-old and 12-year-old sisters with the intent to physically or sexually abuse them. “We felt that there was the definite potential that there was going to be other victims,” St. Lawrence County Sheriff Kevin Wells said.

## Woman hurt drinking iced tea with lye improves

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)—A woman who unknowingly drank iced tea laced with an industrial cleaning solution at a Utah restaurant has whispered and gotten out of bed, her lawyer said Saturday. The progress marks the first sign of improvement for Jan Harding since the 67-year-old was rushed to a hospital nearly a week ago with severe burns to her mouth and throat, according to family attorney Paxton Guymon. The heavy-duty cleaner that ended up in the sweetened iced tea Harding drank Sunday at a Dickey’s Barbecue in a Salt Lake City suburb was unintentionally mixed into a bag of sugar, which a worker later added into the iced tea dispenser, authorities have said.



# Asia

## Pope urges 'fraternal' dialogue with China, others

**HAEMI, South Korea** (AP)—Pope Francis made his strongest gesture yet to reach out to China on Sunday, saying he “earnestly” wants to improve relations and insisting that the Catholic Church isn’t coming in as a “conqueror” trying to take away the identity of others but as a partner in dialogue.

Francis outlined his priorities for the Catholic Church in Asia during a meeting of the region’s bishops, urging them to listen to people of different cultures, show them empathy in dialogue while still remaining true to their own Catholic identity.

“In this spirit of openness to others, I earnestly hope that those countries of your continent with whom the Holy See does not yet enjoy a full relationship may not hesitate to further a dialogue for the benefit of all,” he said.

Then deviating from his text, he added: “I’m not talking here only about a political dialogue, but about a fraternal dialogue,” he said. “These Christians aren’t coming as



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Pope Francis, right, kisses a girl as he arrives with the popemobile to celebrate a mass and the beatification Paul Yun Ji-Chung and 123 martyr companions at Gwanghwamun Gate in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014. Paul Yun Ji-Chung, born in 1759, was among the earliest Catholics on the Korean Peninsula.

conquerors, they aren’t trying to take away our identity.” He said the important thing was to “walk together.”

The Vatican spokesman, the

Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the pope’s remarks were “obviously a sign of goodwill for dialogue” with China as well as the other countries in Asia

with which the Vatican doesn’t have diplomatic relations: North Korea, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, Bhutan and Brunei. “This offer of the pope for dia-

logue is to all these lands and not just one, even if China is the biggest,” he said.

He acknowledged that Francis has so far refrained on the trip from making any outwardly political statement about China, which counts some 12 million Catholics, but that the speech was a clear affirmation of a desire for dialogue with Beijing. It was also a message to the bish-

ops who might be working in countries, directly or indirectly, that they can sow the seeds for dialogue through charitable works and educational services even before official diplomatic relations with the Holy See are established.

China cut relations with the Vatican in 1951, after the Communist Party took power and set up its own church outside the pope’s authority. China persecuted the church for years until restoring a degree of religious freedom and freeing imprisoned priests in the late 1970s. The Vatican under then-Pope Benedict XVI sought to improve ties by seeking to unify the state-sanctioned church with the underground church still loyal to Rome.

## Thousands of protesters demand re-vote in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Tens of thousands of protesters thronged the streets of Pakistan’s capital Saturday, defying pouring rain to answer the call of a fiery cleric and a cricket star-turned-politician who are both demanding the government step down immediately.

Anti-government cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri and Pakistan’s most famous cricket player, Imran Khan, have led dual mass protests that have disrupted life across Islamabad. They demand Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif step down over alleged fraud in the country’s May 2013 election, something Sharif has refused to do.

The protesters have vowed to remain in the streets until Sharif leaves office, raising fears of political instability in the nuclear-armed nation, which only saw its first democratic transfer of power last year. While the crowds have fallen well short of the million marchers that both men promised, their presence and the government’s heightened security measures have virtually shut down business in the capital.

On Saturday, Qadri told his supporters to continue protesting until they bring about a “peaceful revolution.”

“Nawaz Sharif should be arrested when he steps down and he should not be allowed to leave the country,” he said. He also called for the dissolution of Parliament and fresh elections.

Sharif has given no indication he intends to step down, and leaders of his party said Qadri’s demands were unconstitutional.

Khan, whose camp is parallel to Qadri’s on the city’s eastern edge, also vowed Saturday to continue his protest until Sharif steps down. He called on more people to join him. “A new his-

tory is going to be recorded in Islamabad,” Khan told the protesters.

Both Khan and Qadri vowed to bring 1 million followers into the streets of Islamabad, a city of roughly 1.7 million inhabitants. But police Saturday estimated that nearly 35,000 people were present at Qadri’s rally and 25,000 at Khan’s.

The two men have maintained a separation between their rallies, although both have the same goal and both traveled to Islamabad from the eastern city of Lahore. Khan’s crowd on Saturday reflected his popularity among Pakistan’s youth, many of whom have been looking for a new political leader after decades of tight control by either the military or the country’s two longtime political parties.

Groups of young people danced to music and songs while waving political and Pakistani flags. Khan helms the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, which is the third-largest political bloc in parliament.

Over at Qadri’s protest just meters away, the mood was more somber and organized, reflecting the cleric’s religious roots. Qadri draws his popularity from his network of mosques and religious schools across the country. Last year Qadri, who is also a Canadian national, held a protest in the capital calling for vaguely worded election reforms ahead of the country’s May poll, grinding life in Islamabad to a halt.

Shortly after Qadri’s speech, senior Cabinet minister Ahsan Iqbal urged the two opposition leaders to step back from their demands.

“We do hope that Imran Khan and Tahir-ul-Qadri will show flexibility” to end the political instability, Iqbal said.

## US pair charged with Bali murder could face death

**BALI, Indonesia** (AP)—An American couple arrested on the Indonesian resort island of Bali in connection with the slaying of the woman’s mother could be charged with premeditated murder, which carries a maximum penalty of death, police said Saturday.

Heather Mack, 19, and her boyfriend, Tommy Schaefer, 21, both from Chicago, were arrested in Bali’s Kuta area Wednesday, a day after the body of Sheila von Wiese-Mack was found stuffed inside a suitcase in the trunk of a taxi parked in front of the upscale St. Regis

Bali Resort in the island’s exclusive Nusa Dua section.

An autopsy Saturday found that von Wiese-Mack, 62, died of asphyxiation from a broken nose bone resulting from a blunt blow, said Ida Bagus Putu Alit, head of forensics at Sanglah Hospital in Bali’s provincial capital of Denpasar. She also suffered from a broken neck, Alit said.

Mack and Schaefer were charged with murder on Friday. Col. Djoko Hari Utomo, chief of police for Denpasar, said Saturday that police had enough evidence to charge them with

premeditated murder.

He reiterated that the couple was still refusing to talk to investigators without the presence of American lawyers.

“But that does not hamper our investigation. We have enough evidence, including CCTV and fingerprints,” Utomo said. “And I am inclined to charge them with premeditated murder.”

An FBI agent arrived Friday to help with the investigation, including on the couple’s possible involvement in criminal activity in the United States, Utomo said.

The autopsy found that breaks in von Wiese-Mack’s neck and nose extended to her upper right and left jaws, causing respiratory disorders, Alit said. It also showed hand wounds suggesting she was trying to fend off an attack.

“We also found blood aspiration, which meant the victim was standing when assaulted,” Alit said. “The conclusion is that the victim suffocated from lack of oxygen because of influx of blood from the broken nose bone.”

Alit said von Wiese-Mack was believed to have died Tuesday morning.

“The victim was last spotted on CCTV at 3:45 a.m. (Tuesday), and three hours later she called receptionists asking to wake her up at 10 a.m.,” Alit said. “However, she did not respond when awakened.”

Meanwhile, Bali’s deputy

police chief, Brig. Gen. Gusti Ngurah Raharja Subyakta, said psychological tests showed that there were no psychiatric disorders with the couple.

Von Wiese-Mack, also from Chicago, and her daughter arrived at the St. Regis on Aug. 9, while Schaefer checked in on Monday, two days later, according to police. Security camera video showed that the victim had an argument with Schaefer on Monday in the hotel’s lobby.

Police say Mack and Schaefer placed the suitcase inside the trunk of the taxi, and asked the driver to wait while they checked out of the hotel. However, they didn’t return, and hotel security guards who had found blood spots on the suitcase suggested that the driver take the taxi to a police station, where officers opened the suitcase and discovered the body.

The couple told investigators that von Wiese-Mack was killed by robbers while they managed to escape, Utomo said.

Authorities in an upscale Chicago suburb, Oak Park, have examined records of 86 incidents in which police were called to the house where von Wiese-Mack lived with her daughter. Friends have alleged that the mother-daughter relationship was sometimes contentious.

Von Wiese-Mack was the widow of highly regarded jazz and classical composer James L. Mack, who died in 2006 at age 76.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### 3 days of Nepal floods leave 54 dead, 142 missing

**KATMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—Flooding and landslides in western Nepal have killed at least 54 people and left 142 missing amid continuous rainfall over the past three days, officials said Saturday. Ten districts in the area have been flooded, with rescuers recovering 54 bodies, police official Kesh Bahadur Shahi said, adding that the death toll is expected to rise. It has been raining since Thursday in the region, about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of the capital, Katmandu. Highways and roads were either flooded or blocked by landslides in the districts, stopping rescuers from reaching remote villages. Power lines were snapped and communication towers were knocked down by the flooding, stranding thousands of people in the area.

#### Official says 32 killed in Afghan truck crash

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—A truck loaded with people and animals crashed in northwestern Afghanistan, killing 32 people, an official said Sunday. Ahmadullah Alizai, the provincial governor of Badghis province, said that the incident happened in the Ab Kamari district of the province on Saturday. He said the truck was loaded with people and animals and was traveling through a mountainous rural area when it crashed. Such incidents are common in Afghanistan, where the roads are not well-maintained and safe driving practices are not always followed.



## World

# Jihadists closing in on Syrian rebel stronghold

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Syria's Western-backed opposition called on Saturday for U.S. airstrikes against the Islamic State extremist group as the jihadists captured three northern villages, putting them within striking distance of a mainstream rebel stronghold.

Islamic State fighters have overrun nearly a dozen towns and villages in Aleppo province this week, crushing what little resistance they have encountered. Those gains threaten rival factions' supply lines to neighboring Turkey and squeeze the mainstream armed opposition's position in the country's largest city, Aleppo, which is also under assault by President Bashar Assad's forces.

With the mainstream rebels' foothold in Aleppo becoming increasingly precarious, the Syrian National Coalition urged the international community to "quickly support the Free Syrian Army with weapons and ammunition" so it could "defend its people."

"We call on the international community to use the American air force, or those of any other country to support the Free Syrian Army," the Coalition said in a statement on Saturday, referring to the group's military wing.

The Coalition has long appealed for more robust military support from the West to help in its fight to oust Assad, and more recently to counter the rise of Islamic extremists.

But the group's appeal Saturday appeared aimed at capitalizing on the recent U.S. aerial intervention in neighboring Iraq, where American military aircraft have targeted the Islamic State group as the militants advanced on the largely autonomous Kurdish region and threatened Christians and other religious minorities.

But President Barack Obama has long refused de-

mands for similar action in Syria, fearing it could draw the U.S. into an increasingly complex and bloody civil war.

The Islamic State group, which moved aggressively into Syria in early 2013, has carved

out a self-styled caliphate in the territory it has seized in northeastern Syria as well as northern and western Iraq.

The group has added to the territory under its control, taking over the village of Maled

near the town of Marea in Aleppo province late Friday, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

An activist in the area who goes by the name of Fayeze Abu Quteibah said the group also

captured two other villages near Marea—Hamidiyeh and Sonbol.

Those gains come days after the extremists overran several other villages and two towns in Aleppo province. The extremist group's ultimate goal appears to be Marea itself, a stronghold of the once-powerful Islamic Front rebel group, which has been fighting the jihadists since January.

"If Marea falls, this will open the road for them (Islamic State

group) to march toward all parts of northern Aleppo," Abu Quteibah said via Skype.

The Observatory said Islamic State fighters shelled Marea on Saturday with mortar rounds.

The Syrian government, meanwhile, carried out airstrikes on two of the localities the extremists overran this week, hitting Akhtar and Dabiq, the Observatory said. There was no immediate word on casualties or what was targeted.



This image posted by the Raqqa Media Center shows fighters from the Islamic State group on top of a military vehicle with anti-aircraft guns in Raqqa, Syria, Thursday, Aug 7, 2014.

## Islamic fighters kill scores of Yazidi men in Iraq

**IRBIL, Iraq (AP)**—Islamic extremists shot scores of Yazidi men to death in Iraq, lining them up in small groups and opening fire with assault rifles before abducting their wives and children, according to an eyewitness, government officials and people who live in the area.

A Yazidi lawmaker on Saturday cited the mass killing in Kocho as evidence that his people are still at risk after a week of U.S. and Iraqi airstrikes on the militants.

Meanwhile, warplanes targeted insurgents around a large dam that was captured by the Islamic State extremist group earlier this month, nearby residents said.

In a statement, U.S. Central Command said the airstrikes Saturday were launched under the authority to support humanitarian efforts in Iraq, as well as to protect U.S. personnel and facilities.

Central Command says the nine airstrikes conducted so far had destroyed or damaged four armored personnel carriers, seven armed vehicles, two Humvees and an armored vehicle.

The U.S. began airstrikes

against the Islamic State extremist group a week ago, in part to prevent the massacre of tens of thousands of Yazidis in northern Iraq. They fled the militants by scrambling up a barren mountain, where they got stranded. Most were eventually able to escape with help from Kurdish fighters.

Islamic State fighters had surrounded the nearby village 12 days ago and demanded that its Yazidi residents convert or die. On Friday afternoon, they moved in.

The militants told people to gather in a school, promising they would be allowed to leave Kocho after their details were recorded, said the eyewitness and the brother of the Kocho mayor, Nayef Jassem, who said he obtained his details from another witness.

The militants separated the men from the women and children under 12 years old. They took men and male teens away in groups of a few dozen each and shot them on the edge of the village, according to a wounded man who escaped by feigning death.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Report: German intel spied on Kerry, Clinton

**BERLIN (AP)**—Germany's foreign intelligence agency eavesdropped on calls made by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his predecessor Hillary Clinton, German magazine Der Spiegel reported Saturday. The respected news weekly reported that the agency, known by its German acronym BND, tapped a satellite phone conversation Kerry made in 2013 as part of its surveillance of telecommunications in the Middle East. The agency also recorded a conversation between Clinton and former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a year earlier, Der Spiegel claimed. The magazine didn't give a source for its information, but said the calls were collected accidentally, that the three officials weren't directly targeted, and the recordings were ordered destroyed immediately. In Clinton's case, the call reportedly took place on the same "frequency" as a terror suspect, according to Der Spiegel.

### Report: UN nuclear watchdog chief arrives in Iran

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)**—Iranian state television is reporting that the head of the United Nations nuclear watchdog organization has arrived in Iran for talks with President Hassan Rouhani. The state TV report Sunday said Yukiya Amano, the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, landed in Tehran late Saturday. It said Amano also will visit with Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and the head of its own nuclear agency. Amano's visit comes as world powers continue to negotiate with the Islamic Republic for a permanent deal over its contested nuclear program. Those talks face a November deadline after an interim deal was struck last year. The West fears Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build nuclear weapons. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes.

## Russian aid convoy waiting for security guarantees

**KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKY, Russia (AP)**—Hundreds of trucks in a Russian aid convoy waited Saturday near the Ukrainian border as complicated procedures dragged on for allowing them into eastern Ukraine to help civilians suffering amid fighting between Ukrainian forces and separatists.

The main holdup was a lack of security guarantees from all sides in the conflict, said the International Committee of the Red Cross, which would have responsibility for distributing the aid.

Ukrainian officials are concerned that the mission, including around 200 trucks, could

be a guise for Russia to send in equipment for the rebels, whom Kiev and Western countries claim are backed by Moscow. But Russia and Ukraine reached an agreement under which the trucks could enter with Red Cross accompaniment if Ukrainian border guards and customs agents approve the cargo.

Pascal Cuttat, head of the ICRC delegation for Russia, said agreement on how the cargo would be inspected and cleared was reached on Saturday during several hours of talks between Russian and Ukrainian customs and border service officials.

"The challenge is we absolutely need security guarantees from all parties concerned

before we can start moving," Cuttat told reporters, adding that it was unclear how long this could take. He said they were also waiting for a reply from the Ukrainian government to a formal request for the cargo to be processed.

The Ukrainian officials met with their Russian counterparts in the Russian border town of Donetsk, some 200 kilometers (125 miles) east of the Ukrainian city with the same name. Cuttat said the cargo inspection would take place there. The trucks have been parked since Thursday in the town of Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, 28 kilometers (17 miles) from the border.

According to the White

House, U.S. Vice President Joe Biden spoke with Poroshenko on Saturday, hearing that safe passage had not been secured from the separatists for the delivery of Russian aid. The two agreed that Russia's continued provision of advanced weapons to the separatists was inconsistent with any desire to improve the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine, it said.

Fighting continued in eastern Ukraine, where government troops have been steadily taking back rebel-held territory. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, told reporters in Kiev that three servicemen had been killed in the past day.



# Focus

**B**EIJING (AP)—Photos of Mao's archenemy Chiang Kai-shek adorn the walls of a Beijing restaurant, and his face looks up at diners from the menu. Online, the deposed Chinese leader's image is used to sell the kinds of lamps and swords he might have used. A liquor brand has patterned its bottle on Chiang's memorial in Taipei.

Twenty years ago, Chiang was considered an enemy of the people on mainland China. Today, he has become part of mainstream culture—sort of.

There has been a grudging acceptance of Chiang's historical role in fighting against Japan following its invasion in the lead-up to World War II. Chiang later lost to Mao Zedong's Communists in the Chinese civil war and fled in 1949 to Taiwan, where he ruled until his death in 1975.

His revival on the mainland points to how China's Communist Party uses history to make points about present-day politics. Chiang is doubly useful in that sense because China's relations with Taiwan have been warming, while those with Japan are in steep decline.

Chiang's rehabilitation has been "really remarkable to observe from the outside" and likely was undertaken initially as an attempt by China's leaders to tempt Taiwan into reunification by being "a bit more accommodating about their version of history," said Rana Mitter, author of the book "China's War with Japan, 1937-1945: The Struggle for Survival."

"Now, of course, Chiang's role as someone who fiercely opposed the Japanese during the war is politically very useful," Mitter said.

Chiang came to power as head of the Chinese Nationalist government in 1928 and much of his rule was spent fighting the Japanese and Mao's Communists. For more than two decades after the Communists took over, many in the West still considered Chiang the face of China.

His shift on the mainland has been noticeable, if unstated. Over the past decade, Chiang's Nationalist soldiers, known as Kuomintang or KMT, have gone from being portrayed in TV dramas as little more than corrupt and greedy characters to evincing patriotism and even courage as they fight the Japanese.

In Mr. Chiang's Mainlander Restaurant in Beijing's central business district, renamed earlier this year, Chiang's face is drawn on the bright yellow cover of a menu and reprints of Chiang photos are pasted on the wall, including one of his wedding day. The 15 yuan (\$2.40) specialty rice with stewed diced pork is made from a secret recipe that was shared with the restaurant by the offspring of friends of Chiang's family, said restaurant boss Ren Zuxiang.

Though the photos on the wall can make customers smile, Ren said, many people still don't feel at ease to give an honest assessment of Chiang the way they might about Sun Yat-sen, the founder in 1912 of a constitutional republic in China that put an end to more than 2,000 years of imperial rule.

"When talking about Sun Yat-sen it's no problem, but the political conditions here are not so relaxed as in Taiwan, so someone who didn't know you well



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In this July 31, 2014 photo, customers eat meals near photos of Mao's archenemy Chiang Kai-shek at Mr. Chiang's Mainlander Restaurant in Beijing. Twenty years ago Chiang was an enemy of the people on mainland China. Today, he has become part of mainstream culture, with a grudging acceptance of his role in China's history and saluted as an anti-Japanese patriot.

## Mao's archenemy Chiang Kai-shek part of mainstream

By LOUISE WATT  
Associated Press

wouldn't say they liked Chiang," said Ren. "Not many ordinary people dislike him, though."

The shift on Chiang has not been a complete rehabilitation and is unlikely to become one. It would be hard for the ruling Communist Party to allow public discussion of his fierce anti-communism, for example.

"We haven't seen any official documents carrying very positive comments on Chiang Kai-shek. The most is that Chiang had played some roles in resisting the Japanese aggression," said Chen Hongmin, director of the Center for Chiang Kai-shek and Modern Chinese Studies at Zhejiang University.

Chinese university students who study an introduction to modern Chinese history read a description of Chiang as the "representative of bourgeois or black forces"—and that hasn't changed much in 60 years, Chen said.

But controls on research into Chiang and his period have loosened on the mainland, Chen said. This, as well as the opening of Chiang archives in Taipei in the late 1990s, has allowed academics to refute the common belief on the mainland that Chiang failed to fully resist the Japanese, Chen said.

"In the past, we used to say that the Communist Party forces dominated the resistance in the occupied areas, but the documents show that Chiang also attached great importance" to this ef-



AP  
In this July 31, 2014 photo, a special dish that deposed Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek used to eat is placed near a menu at Mr. Chiang's Mainlander Restaurant in Beijing.

fort, devoting many soldiers to it and ordering the generals on the front line by telegram to fight until death, he said.

Academics have concluded that Chiang's anti-Japanese resistance and his economic development of Taiwan were positive aspects and "it seems that the government doesn't object to those," Chen said, though he warned that changes in Beijing-Taipei relations could affect future academic work on Chiang.

The revival of Chiang as an anti-Japanese patriot points to the wider issue of nationalism in China. Whereas class warfare made Mao's China tick, the present-day Communist Party has turned to nationalism "as an alternative way of binding people together," said Mitter, who is also a professor of Chinese history and politics at Oxford University.

"In the context of saying that all Chinese should stick together against

outside enemies, remembering the war against Japan is a profoundly useful historical example," he said. "I would say the demands of present-day politics have shaped which elements of history the regime wants to emphasize."

In Mao's time, Taiwan was the enemy. Japan had been greatly weakened after its World War II defeat, and China had an interest in trying to pry Japan from the Cold War embrace of the United States.

While Beijing still considers the self-governing island of Taiwan part of its territory that eventually must be taken back—by force if necessary—relations between the two have warmed in the past decade as they have focused on improving trade.

At the same time, while China and Japan are linked by billions of dollars in trade, investment and aid, their relations are at their worst in years. Both are building up their militaries and accuse the other of growing assertiveness, including in a dispute over uninhabited islands in the East China Sea.

Both countries also have fanned memories of war. In response to what China calls the denial of war crimes by Japanese politicians, the State Archives Administration has been publishing old confessions of Japanese war criminals—one per day since the beginning of July.

Last month, President Xi Jinping gave a speech to mark the 77th anniversary of the start of a war with Japan in which he warned against people who "beautify the history of aggression." His words also evoked the image of Chinese sticking together.

"The great war of Chinese people's resistance against Japanese aggression brought the awareness and unity of the Chinese nation to a level never reached before," Xi said.



# Health & Fitness

## Heading for middle age, ladies? Bring your sneakers, keep your breasts

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For women past childbearing age, a new study finds that a modest amount of exercise—four hours a week of walking or more intensive physical activity such as cycling for just two hours a week—drives down breast cancer risk by roughly 10 percent.

If exercise were a pill, its effectiveness in driving down a woman's breast cancer risk would occur fairly quickly, the new research says: When women reported at least this modest level of physical activity over the last four years, they were less likely to have developed malignancy in a breast.

But, like a pill, exercise must be continued for the effect to endure: Even if a woman had been physically active earlier in life, when her reported physical activity levels dropped below the equivalent of four hours of weekly walking, her risk of developing breast cancer went back up.

At the same time, the research found that engaging in more physical activity than 12

“metabolic equivalents” per week — either via greater intensity or longer duration of exercise — did not further drive down a woman's likelihood of breast cancer. The authors suggested that finding such a “dose response” might have required a more detailed record of participants' energy expenditures than was collected by the European researchers who designed the study.

The new findings were culled from the French component of the European Prospective Investigation Into Cancer and Nutrition. In all, 59,308 French women ages 43 to 78—most of them teachers—started answering detailed surveys about their health and health behaviors in 1993 and did so every four years until 2005.

The researchers sought to clarify the role of physical activity in reducing breast cancer risk in postmenopausal women, a stage of life in which the probability of a woman developing breast cancer rises steadily.

The designers of the study used a very rough measure of physical activity: They asked

New research says that exercise can help drive down a woman's breast cancer risk.



women to quantify the average time they spent walking (including walking to work or shopping), cycling or engaging in sports during a typical two-week period in the winter and

in the summer. They assigned walking a “metabolic equivalent task” value of three per hour, and cycling and sports a “MET” value of six.

For the study's postmenopausal women, weight gain was common: Roughly 69 percent reported a gain of more than a kilogram (2.2 pounds) over the previous two to three years. But the exercise effect was seen irrespective of weight gain, and a woman's body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference had no bearing on the cancer-reduction benefits she received from regular exercise.

The medications tamoxifen and raloxifene can also drive down the risk of breast cancer in those at higher than average risk. They come with side effects such as an increased risk of deep-vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism, and their powers of risk reduction are actually pretty modest: If 1,000 women took either tamoxifen or raloxifene for five years, eight breast cancers would be prevented.

By comparison, regular physical activity is powerful. But, as with a pill, you need to keep taking it.

If you're sedentary or don't exercise routinely, boosting your physical activity to at least four hours of walking weekly has a 1 in 10 chance of preventing the most common — and second-most deadly—cancer in women, at least in the near term.

Past research has already established that regular exercise will help drive down the risk of heart disease, which is a far more common killer of women.

## Deadline to clear up health law eligibility near

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The clock is ticking for hundreds of thousands of people who have unresolved issues affecting their coverage under the new health care law.

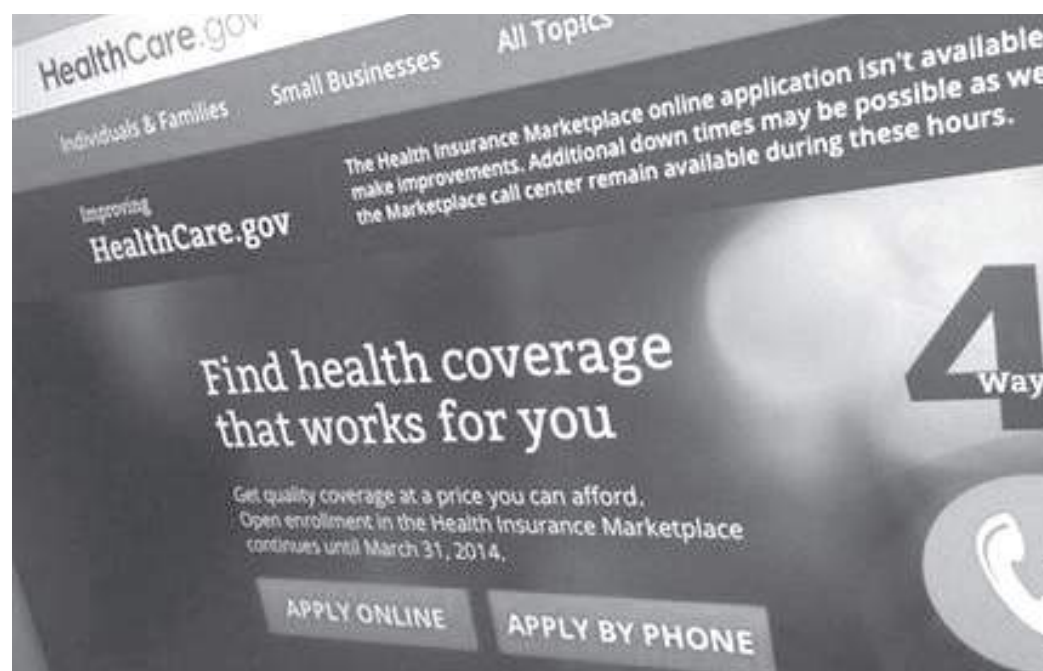
The Obama administration said Tuesday that letters are going out to about 310,000 people whose citizenship or immigration details don't match what the government has on file.

These consumers need to send in their documentation by Sept. 5. Otherwise their coverage will end Sept. 30.

Of the 8 million people who signed up for private coverage through President Barack Obama's law, more than 2 million at one point had discrepancies of some sort that affected their eligibility. That number has been greatly reduced—but the remaining cases are proving difficult to resolve.

People living in the country illegally are not allowed to get coverage. Officials at the Health and Human Services Department said the letters will notify consumers with unresolved citizenship and immigration issues that they can upload their documents to the HealthCare.gov website, or mail them in.

Most haven't responded to repeated outreach efforts, officials said. Hispanics, who historically have lagged in health insurance coverage, may account for a big share of the group.



This Nov. 29, 2013, file photo shows a part of the HealthCare.gov website, photographed in Washington.

Indeed, two states with large Latino populations top the list of unresolved cases. Florida has 93,800 cases, while Texas has 52,700. Georgia, Virginia and Pennsylvania round out the top five. The letters are being sent in English and Spanish.

The next five states are North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Louisiana.

The new policy affects the 36 states where the federal government has taken the lead in running online insurance markets created by the law. It's unclear how it will apply in places like California and New York, which are running their own insurance exchanges.

Some supporters of the law

worried that eligible consumers might lose coverage due to record-keeping problems on the government's part, or because of something as mundane as letters getting lost in the mail.

“Many of these people have issues because government files are incomplete,” said Ron Polack, executive director of the advocacy group Families USA. “Many may feel that they have fully complied with what is necessary to get health coverage.”

The number of problem cases was a lot larger only a few months ago, prompting criticism from congressional Republicans that the administration was signing up people

ineligible under the law.

In May, there were nearly 970,000 people with citizenship or immigration problems. About half those cases have now been closed, officials said, and another 20 percent are being worked on actively. Officials have previously said that the overwhelming majority of cases are resolved in favor of the enrollee.

Consumers who have unresolved discrepancies over their incomes will get notices at a later date.

The new health law provides subsidized coverage to people with no access to health insurance on the job. More than 80 percent of those signed up are

getting subsidies to help with their premiums and, in some cases, their copays and deductibles as well.

But those taxpayer subsidies are contingent on meeting a host of requirements. The amount of a consumer's premium tax credit can vary by income, family size, hometown and other factors. That can make getting covered through the law feel somewhat like doing your taxes.

The letters that started going out Tuesday won't be the final attempt to reach those with unresolved issues. HHS will try to contact each consumer two more times by phone and once via email. The administration is also working with local organizations to try to reach people directly in their homes.

Consumers can also contact HealthCare.gov's call center at 800-318-2596 to see what documents they need to submit and see whether their information has been received.

The notices affect this year's coverage only.

The open enrollment period for this year is over. Open enrollment season for 2015 coverage doesn't start until Nov. 15. At that point, consumers will be able to renew or make changes in their coverage, and new customers can find out whether there's a plan that's right for them.

Under the law, most Americans are required to have health insurance or risk fines.



# Life & Style

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jamie Masada, the owner of the fabled Los Angeles-based comedy club the Laugh Factory, vividly remembers a warm exchange with comic Richard Jeni of the two sharing words of encouragement and gentle ribbing.

“The next day I heard he put a gun in his mouth and blew his head off,” recalled Masada of Jeni’s 2007 suicide. “At that point I said, ‘God, could I do something to somehow prevent that?’”

A few years later, having watched his “family” continuously depleted, Masada did do something. He began having a psychologist at the club several nights a week, offering stand-ups the opportunity for free sessions.

Robin Williams, a frequent Laugh Factory performer who committed suicide Monday, marked only the latest comic genius to be plagued by demons of depression and addiction. But seldom has the gulf between the bright buoyancy of the performer and the inner pain of the man seemed greater or more unfathomable. How did someone who suffered such demons summon such starbursts of generosity and glee?

Like countless others this week, Conan O’Brien remembered Williams’ great capacity for thoughtfulness and kindness. When O’Brien was feeling down during the “Tonight Show” debacle, a bike arrived out of the blue from Williams, outfitted for maximum ridiculousness. Said O’Brien: “It’s particularly courageous for



This Nov. 9, 2009 file photo shows Zelda Williams, left, with her father Robin Williams at the premiere of “Old Dogs,” in Los Angeles. AP

## Lessons of stigmas, stereotypes in WILLIAMS’ DEATH

someone to be that generous of spirit in the face of that kind of depression.”

Such tales don’t make it any easier to reconcile Williams’ life with his sad fate. The magnitude of the shock over Wil-

liams’ death has been matched only by the outpouring of grief for his loss. “I’ll never, ever understand how he could be loved so deeply and not find it in his heart to stay,” said his 25-year-old daughter, Zelda Williams. “He was always warm, even in his darkest moments.”

Williams’ publicist has said he had recently fought severe depression. Williams himself had occasionally spoken about his struggles (“Do I get sad? Oh yeah. Does it hit me hard? Oh yeah,” he told Terry Gross in 2006) and funneled his fights with alcoholism and addiction into his act. He largely won his battles with substance abuse except for several relapses quickly followed by rehab, including a stint at Hazelden in Minnesota last month. His widow, Susan Schneider, added Thursday that Williams also was suffering from the early stages of Parkinson’s disease.

Those factors—along with his heart surgery several years ago—offer a slightly deeper understanding of Williams’ mental state in recent days and weeks. But his death also reinforces the long-held stereotype of the sad clown, the tortured funnyman.

Comedian Jim Norton responded to Williams’ death with an essay titled “Why the Funni-

est People Are Sometimes the Saddest” in which he noted that in his 25 years of performing stand-up, he knew eight comics who killed themselves.

“When I find a comedian I admire, my first thing is: What’s wrong with this person?” Norton says. “Guys that I’ve admired the most always had that cloud. And it wasn’t a purposeful or a pseudo-artist thing. It was a real thing that they were constantly combating. It was kind of a way to keep sadness or depression off of you, to be funny.”

Particularly since the likes of Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor made stand-up into a more personal kind of truth-telling, many comedians have been drawn to the profession as a means for catharsis. Comedian Tig Notaro pushed stand-up perhaps further in this direction than ever before in a famous set in 2012. Days after being diagnosed with breast cancer, she hit the stage: “Hello. I have cancer. How are you?”

Nowhere has the intersection between comedy and psychological pain been more thoroughly plumbed than on Marc Maron’s podcast, which Maron began after he had suicidal thoughts. In lengthy, candid interviews with fellow comics, Maron has explored the often-troubled psychology that drives

people to bare themselves before crowds night after night, feeding off the laughter.

Maron’s conversation with Williams from 2010 is one of his most naked interviews. In it, Williams called stand-up “the one salvation” and commented: “How insecure are we, how desperately insecure that (it) made us do this for a living?” He even riffed on his suicidal urges, doing a two-man routine between himself and his consciousness. Replaying the episode this week, Maron reflected: “He was a person with his own problems that he carried with him. And I think part of his genius came from the struggle with those problems.”

Studies have shown a correlation between creative minds and such problems. Nancy Andreasen, a leading neuroscientist and psychologist, co-wrote the first empirical study that proved the increased likelihood of mood disorder in creative people.

“There really is no question that there’s a statistical correlation of mental illness in highly creative people,” said Andreasen, who chairs psychiatry at the University of Iowa. She stressed, though, that mental illness is usually treatable—“It’s not a lifetime sentence,” she said—and that treatment “does not diminish their creativity.”

“The great misfortune is that mental illness is still so stigmatized,” said Andreasen, lamenting the lack of care for the mentally ill. “This probably could have been prevented, and it’s a terrible misfortune that it wasn’t.”

A recent study published in the British Journal of Psychiatry found that comedians are both highly extroverted and highly introverted and that they even show lower levels of traits associated with psychosis.

“Humor often requires the ability to ‘think outside the box’ or see unusual connections where others don’t, and this reflects, in a more muted form, the thought process and pattern seen in psychosis,” Victoria Ando said in an email.

But depression also doesn’t care what you do for a living. It can strike anyone, any time, regardless of success, income or fame. In “The Noonday Demon,” an award-winning, multi-disciplinarian “atlas” of depression, author Andrew Solomon wrote that his own depression hit hardest when his life was most in order: “All the excuses for despair had been used up,” he wrote.

Solomon says he hopes Williams’ tragic end serves as a “wake-up call.”

“We have to recognize that if you have depression and enormous wealth and success, the love of most of the people in America—you can have all of those things and still be subject to the ravages of depression,” Solomon said. “The tragedy is that he didn’t have any place to turn.”

Improv and sketch comic Chris Gethard has been particularly vocal about his own struggles with depression with the hope of helping others. Following Williams’ death, he posted a picture of himself taken after an earlier day spent crying in bed, labeling it: “This is the face of my mental illness.”

“All kinds of people get depressed—comedians just happen to be people that professionally deal with the manipulation of happiness, laughter and other positive emotions, so maybe it stands out more or gets more pronounced,” Gethard said.

Perhaps Williams’ death shouldn’t just be added to the sad list of comics who died too young, like John Belushi or Chris Farley, but should be taken as a lesson by the rest of us, the ones in the audience below the floor lights, that we should listen just as keenly to Williams in death as we did to him from the stage.

“It is our hope in the wake of Robin’s tragic passing that others will find the strength to seek the care and support they need to treat whatever battles they are facing,” said Schneider, Williams’ widow, “so they may feel less afraid.”

## Alec Baldwin: Neighbor arrested this time, not me

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Police were called to Alec Baldwin’s New York City apartment building, but this time he wasn’t the one in trouble.

The volatile actor tells The New York Times (<http://nyti.ms/1sLEjUI>) that normally when police are called to his Greenwich Village building, “you could likely guess it’s about one particular person.”

But on Tuesday, Baldwin says, his assistant and cleaning woman saw a neighbor hitting a woman over the head with a frying pan.

Neighbor Jaime McKeown was charged with assault. Baldwin says people in his building told him McKeown was furious at the woman upstairs for making too much noise.

Baldwin’s recent brushes with the law have included face-offs with paparazzi and riding



In this June 21, 2014 file photo, Alec Baldwin attends the Hamptons SummerDocs Series opening night screening of “Life Itself” at Guild Hall in East Hampton in New York. AP

his bicycle the wrong way.

McKeown’s lawyer did not immediately comment on the case.



# Aduba, Janney among creative arts Emmy winners

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Uzo Aduba is an Emmy winner for her breakout role as a prisoner known as “Crazy Eyes” in Netflix’s “Orange is the New Black.”

The series received two other awards, for casting and picture editing, at the creative arts Emmy ceremony Saturday honoring technical and other achievements.

In an emotional speech, Aduba thanked her mother, who came from Nigeria “to make a better life for her family.”

She also thanked producers and others for a show “that lets everyone be represented in such a beautiful way.”

Aduba won as best guest actress in a comedy series for her portrayal of Suzanne “Crazy Eyes” Warren, while Jimmy Fallon was honored as best guest comedy actor for NBC’s “Saturday Night Live.”

On the drama side, guest-

acting honors went to Joe Morton for ABC’s “Scandal” and Allison Janney for Showtime’s “Masters of Sex.”

Janney thanked producers, co-stars and writers on the series, then added one more person: “The crew guy who got me a shot of bourbon before my first sex scene was extraordinarily important to me,” she said.

Zach Galifianakis’ interview with President Barack Obama last March on the actor-comedian’s “Between Two Ferns” show on the Funny or Die website won the Emmy for best short-format, live-action entertainment program.

Awards in other acting, writing and directing categories will be given at the Aug. 25 ceremony airing on NBC. Janney has a shot at another Emmy for her role in the CBS sitcom “Mom.”

The biggest awards haul Saturday went to NBC’s “Saturday

Night Live,” with five trophies. Fox’s “Cosmos: A SpaceTime Odyssey,” a 21st-century edition of the 1980s series “Cosmos,” earned four. Cable dramas “Game of Thrones” and “True Detective” and PBS’ “Sherlock: His Last Vow” also picked up a quartet of honors each.

HBO received a leading 15 creative arts Emmys, followed by NBC with 10; PBS with eight; Fox and Netflix with seven each; CBS with six; and ABC with five.

Other winners at the creative arts Emmys included:

- Host for a reality or reality-competition program: Jane Lynch, “Hollywood Game Night,” NBC.

- Voice-over performance: Harry Shearer, “The Simpsons: Four Regrettings and a Funeral,” Fox.

- Unstructured reality program: “Deadliest Catch,” Discovery Channel.

■ Commercial: “Misunderstood,” Apple.

■ Animated Program: “Bob’s Burgers: Mazel Tina,” Fox.

■ Documentary or nonfiction series (possibility of more than one award): “American Masters,” PBS; “Years of Living Dangerously,” Showtime.

■ Writing for a variety series: “The Colbert Report,” Comedy Central.

■ Music composition for a series (original dramatic score): “Cosmos: A SpaceTime Odyssey: Standing Up in the Milky Way,” Fox and NatGeo.

■ Music composition for a miniseries, movie or special: “Sherlock: His Last Vow (Masterpiece),” PBS.

■ Choreography: “So You Think You Can Dance,” Fox.

- Casting for a drama series: “True Detective,” HBO.

■ Casting for a miniseries, movie or a special: “Fargo,” FX Networks.

■ Casting for a comedy series: “Orange is the New Black,” Netflix.



Uzo Aduba arrives at the 2014 Creative Arts Emmys at Nokia Theatre L.A.

■ Costumes for a miniseries, movie or a special: “American Horror Story: Coven,” FX Networks.

■ Costumes for a variety-music program or a special (more than one award possible):

“Saturday Night Live, host: Jimmy Fallon,” NBC; “So You Think You Can Dance: Episode 1008,” Fox.

■ Costumes for a series: “Game of Thrones: The Lion And The Rose,” HBO.

## Mr. T pities criminals as he awaits jury duty

**ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill.** (AP)—Lawrence Tureaud, better known as Mr. T, was in true form as he waited outside a suburban Chicago courthouse to be called for jury duty.

Sporting his usual Mohawk and wearing an FBI sweatshirt and hat, but not a gold chain, the star of “Rocky III” and TV’s “The A-Team” signed autographs and made his feelings known.

He said, “I pity the criminals today,” as he explained he had been designated a potential juror for a trial scheduled for Friday.

The Daily Herald in Arlington Heights reports (<http://bit.ly/1pRCTnW>) the 62-year-old Tureaud said he never considered “playing hooky” after receiving the jury summons to the Rolling Meadows court.

Mr. T said he understood his duty and said it’s not his style to shirk responsibilities.

Tureaud wasn’t picked as a juror.



Lawrence Tureaud, better known as Mr. T attends the Starlight Awards at the Skirball Cultural Center in this Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 file photo taken in Los Angeles.

## Candlelight vigil marks Elvis’ death in Memphis

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** (AP)—Holding flickering candles, fans of Elvis Presley made a slow, nighttime walk past his gravesite at Graceland on Friday, marking the anniversary of his death 37 years ago.

Fans strolled quietly through the Mediation Garden at Graceland, Presley’s longtime Memphis, Tennessee, home. Presley’s grave is in the garden, and his mother, father and grandmother are buried there.

The home is now a museum and a centerpiece of the Graceland tourist attraction that draws about 500,000 fans each year from around the world.

People began arriving early in the day to get a spot in line outside Graceland’s gates. Tourists also watched Elvis

tribute artists sing and dance, and visited gift shops and Elvis-related exhibits across the street from the home.

The scene is repeated each year on the anniversary of the death of the King of Rock ‘n’ Roll. Presley died at age 42 on Aug. 16, 1977, of a heart attack, shocking and saddening his fans worldwide.

Mark Summers, 31, said it was his first time attending the vigil. Summers, of Birmingham, England, is an Elvis tribute artist who performs theater shows across Europe.

Summers wore a black shirt, black pants and a hairstyle shaped like a pompadour, just like his idol. He said no other performer “could touch the charisma he had on stage.”

Summers said he admired Presley not only for his music and his act, but also for his good qualities as a person. Presley was known for giving money to charities and cars to fans.

“So generous, caring, loving, spiritual, all those kinds of things,” Summers said. “Tonight is going to be really emotional.”

The vigil is a highlight of Elvis Week, an annual celebration of Presley’s career and his life. This year, other Elvis Week events have included an auction of authenticated Presley artifacts—which included a 1977 Cadillac Seville used by Presley—and the groundbreaking of a planned 450-room hotel at the Graceland tourist attraction.

## Angry wife resents husband for hiding news of his health

**DEAR ABBY:** When my husband is sick or needs to have surgery, he refuses to tell his family and doesn’t want me to. This puts me in a very awkward position. I’m damned if I do tell them because he will be upset with me, and damned if I don’t because his family won’t trust me, and I don’t want things that way.

Invariably, when he gets home, he calls his family and tells them all about his surgery, and I’m left looking like I withheld the information, when it’s not me at all. I have asked him what if he DIES? His family will be upset not only by the tragedy, but also at me for having kept them in the dark.

I’m considering leaving him over this. I don’t deserve this from him. And no, he won’t see a counselor and I won’t do it alone, so do you have any other advice than that?

IN A DIFFICULT POSITION

**DEAR IN A DIFFICULT POSITION:** You should not be made to feel that you’re stuck in the middle. It would be nice if your husband understood that when he is sick enough to be hospitalized that YOU might need the emotional support his family could offer. But since it’s not going to happen, he should make plain to his family that HE prefers to be the bearer of this kind of news, and the

reason they aren’t hearing it from you is because he wants it that way.

**DEAR ABBY:** I love my sister and enjoy chatting with her, but our schedules make it difficult to connect. When we do speak, her husband often interjects or starts another conversation with her, as if she isn’t on the phone. She also settles spats between her toddlers and other things her husband could manage while we’re talking.

When this happens I say, “I can tell you’re tied up. Can we talk later when things settle down?” Her reply: “We can talk now. Things are ALWAYS crazy around here.”

As it stands, we speak only a few times a year, and I’d like her undivided attention. I have tried bringing this up a number of times, but she feels life doesn’t stand still for anyone.

Is it too much to ask for 30 minutes, three times a year? We live several states apart, so having a face-to-face isn’t an option. Any help would be appreciated, because I’m hurt.

MISSING MY SISTER IN GEORGIA

**DEAR MISSING YOUR SISTER:** I don’t blame you for feeling hurt, because apparently your sister isn’t interested in having the kind of contact you would like. It may be that her husband is ultra-controlling -- hence the constant inter-

## DEAR ABBY

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ruptions from him -- or that her household is so disorganized she’s in the middle of a whirlwind.

If you haven’t already, write her a letter and express your feelings. It’s one way of getting your thoughts across without being interrupted. I don’t think 30 minutes three times a year is a lot to ask of her. Propose setting a specific time to talk when her kids and husband aren’t around. Then cross your fingers and hope she sees the light.

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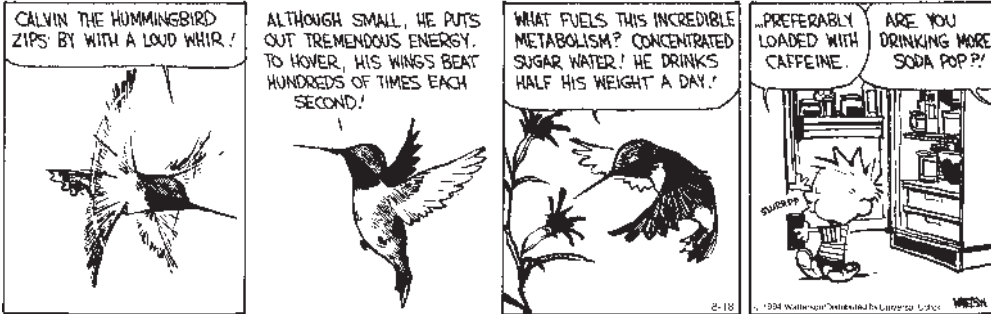
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By Bill Waterson

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

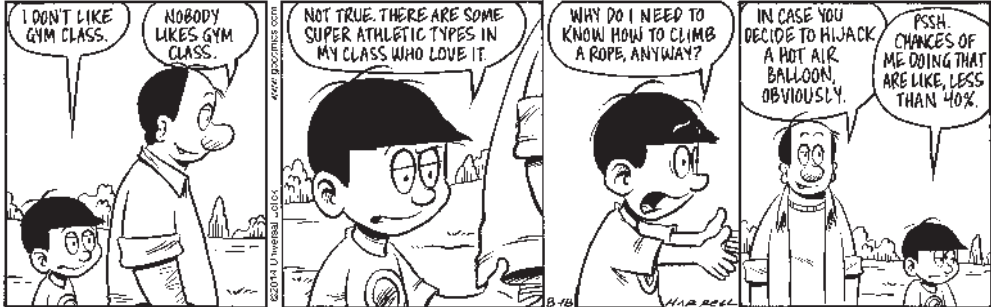


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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**Solution time: 27 mins.**

Friday's answer 8-18

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Tyler McGill, 27; Andy Samberg, 36; Denis Leary, 57; Robert Redford, 78.

**Happy Birthday:** Rethink your strategy and your direction. Focus on positive options and let go of what's not working out for you. Engage in a new interest or educational pursuit, or plan a trip that will inspire you. Don't give in to emotional disillusionment or let anyone mislead or manipulate you. Make your decisions based on what will bring you the greatest joy. Your numbers are 7, 16, 21, 29, 35, 38, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Social activity, going on a shopping spree or making a personal change you've been wanting to do for some time will bring good results. Don't let a partnership stand in your way or put too many demands on you. Equality is necessary for any partnership to work. \*\*\*\*

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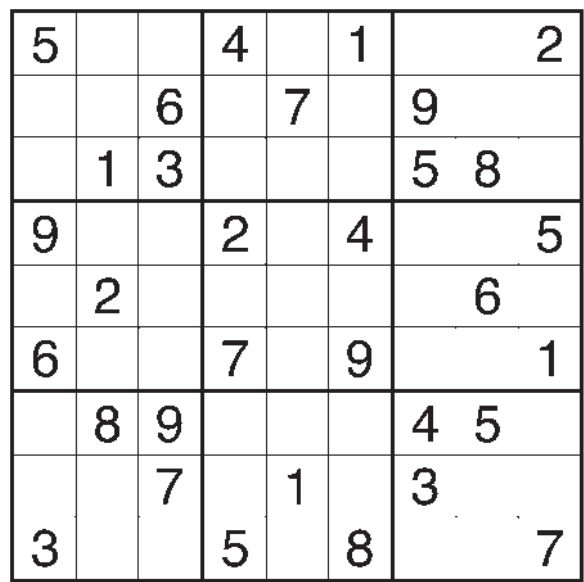
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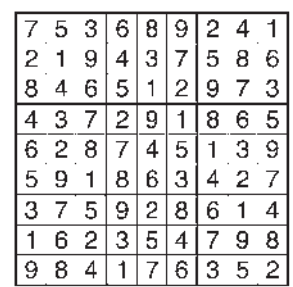


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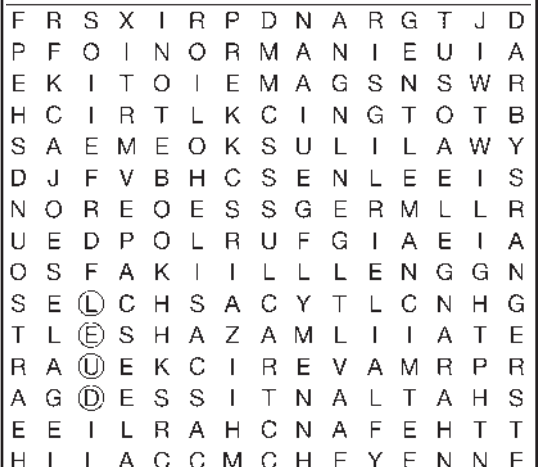
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# Ortiz's 2 HRs, 6 RBIs power Red Sox over Astros



**BOSTON** (AP)—David Ortiz hit a pair of

two-run homers, including his 400th in a Red Sox uniform, and drove in a career high-equaling six runs to power Boston past the Houston Astros 10-7.

Big Papi joined Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski as the only players to hit 400 homers while playing with the Red Sox.

Williams hit 521 homers and Yaz had 452. Both spent their entire careers with the Red Sox.

Alex Wilson (1-0) earned the victory with 2 1-3 hitless innings of relief.

The Red Sox trailed 6-3 before scoring four in the sixth. Jackie Bradley Jr. had a sacrifice fly off Josh Fields (2-6) to push Boston ahead.

## Brewers 3, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Yovani Gallardo pitched eight innings, and Ryan Braun and Carlos Gomez homered as Milwaukee ended Clayton Kershaw's streak of 11 straight victories.

Gallardo (8-6) allowed a run and six hits. The right-hander has won back-to-back starts for the first time since his first two outings of the season.

Francisco Rodriguez got three outs for his major league-leading 38th save, despite giving up a leadoff homer to Matt Kemp.

Kershaw (14-3) pitched his 17th complete game in 202 career starts. He allowed five hits and struck out 11.

## Braves 4, Athletics 3

In Atlanta, Chris Johnson drove in two runs with three hits and Julio Teheran threw six strong innings as the Atlanta Braves

edged the suddenly struggling Oakland Athletics 4-3 on Saturday night.

The A's, who began the day with the best record in the majors, matched their worst skid of the season by losing four in a row. They've dropped six of seven overall.

Teheran (11-9) gave up two runs on four hits and three walks.

Sonny Gray (12-7) allowed four runs in 5 1-3 innings in his fourth straight defeat.

## Tigers 4, Mariners 2

In Detroit, David Price pitched eight innings of one-run ball as the Tigers ended Seattle's five-game winning streak with a victory over Felix Hernandez.

Price (12-8) allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked three in his first game at Comerica Park since he was acquired in a trade with Tampa Bay last month. Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 25th save, yielding Endy Chavez's RBI single.

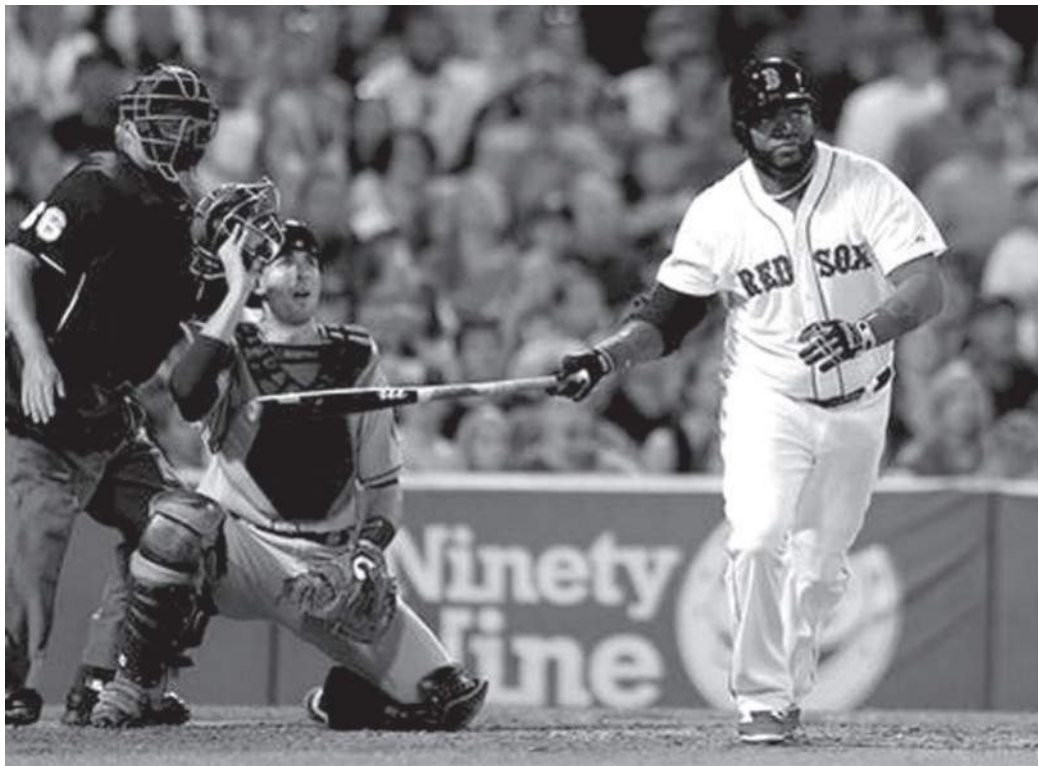
Hernandez was hit on the leg by Ian Kinsler's hard ground ball for the final out of the fourth. He pitched the next inning before departing after 92 pitches, allowing two runs and seven hits.

Hernandez (13-4) lost his record streak of 16 straight starts of at least seven innings and no more than two runs.

## Yankees 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Derek Jeter hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning as the Yankees ended a five-game skid with a victory over the Rays.

Brett Gardner opened the ninth with an infield single off Jake McGee (3-1) and advanced to second on a throwing error



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, watches his two-run home run in front of Houston Astros' Jason Castro during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Boston, Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014.

by second baseman Logan Forsythe. After failing to lay down a sacrifice bunt, Jeter put New York ahead with a single to right-center on a 2-2 pitch.

Dellin Betances (5-0) worked a perfect eighth before David Robertson got three outs for his 32nd save.

## Angels 5, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, Albert Pujols and Howie Kendrick homered to power the Angels to the victory.

The Angels (72-49) are alone in first place in the AL West for the first time since 2011, but they are only two percentage points ahead of Oakland, which lost at Atlanta.

Los Angeles has won nine in a row over Texas, tying the series record set in 1985 and

matched a year later.

Matt Shoemaker (11-4) pitched into the sixth inning for the win and Huston Street worked a scoreless ninth for the save.

Colby Lewis (8-10) allowed five runs and 10 hits in six innings for Texas.

## Nationals 4, Pirates 3

In Washington, Wilson Ramos drove in the winning run with a ground-rule double in the bottom of the ninth inning after Adam LaRoche tied it with a two-run homer in the eighth as Washington came back to beat the Pirates.

The NL East-leading Nationals won their fifth game in a row. The Pirates dropped their fourth straight and have fallen to third place in the NL Central.

Ramos' hit off Justin Wilson (3-3) sailed over right fielder Gregory Polanco's head and bounced into the home bullpen.

Matt Thornton (1-0) earned the win with a 1-2-3 ninth, getting a pair of strikeouts on 96 mph fastballs.

## Padres 9, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Jedd Gyorko hit his third career grand slam and drove in five runs, sparking San Diego to the rain-delayed victory.

Gyorko's eighth homer came on an 0-1 pitch from Kevin Siegrist (1-3) with one out in the seventh. The Padres had loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Gyorko's drive to left.

Rain then halted play later in the inning. The game was delayed 1 hour, 46 minutes and only a handful of the crowd of 44,079 stayed to watch the finish.

The Cardinals, who had won three in a row, dropped to three games back of Milwaukee for the NL Central lead.

Alex Torres (2-1) earned the win when he got the last out in the sixth in relief of rookie starter Jesse Hahn. San Diego won for the sixth time in its

last eight games.

## Blue Jays 6, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Melky Cabrera's two-run double in the seventh inning lifted the Blue Jays to a victory over the White Sox.

The Blue Jays, who snapped a four-game losing streak, scored three runs in the seventh to retake the lead after the White Sox tied it with three runs in the sixth.

Avisail Garcia went 2 for 4 with a double for the White Sox in his first game since April 9 after recovering from shoulder surgery.

Brett Cecil (1-3) got two outs — both by strikeout — to earn the win.

Matt Lindstrom (2-2) allowed four straight hits before recording an out in his second game since coming off the disabled list because of an ankle injury.

## Twins 4, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Phil Hughes threw seven sharp innings and Kurt Suzuki hit his third homer of the season as the Twins beat first-place Kansas City.

Hughes (13-8) allowed one run, seven hits and struck out six to outlast hard-throwing rookie Yordano Ventura (9-9), who threw six innings of one-hit ball before the Twins broke through in the seventh.

Hughes has won three in a row after losing three straight starts. He also has allowed only three runs this month. Casey Fien pitched to two batters in the eighth and Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for this 31st save in 34 chances.

Suzuki's solo homer in the eighth off Aaron Crow was his first since May 20, a span of 217 at-bats.

## Indians 6, Orioles 0

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco shut out AL East-leading Baltimore on three hits over seven innings, lifting the Indians over the Orioles.

Carlos Santana hit a three-run homer in the first off Ubaldo Jimenez (4-9) and Michael Brantley added a two-run shot in the fifth as the hot-and-cold Indians won for the fifth time in six games.

Carrasco (5-4) got two inning-ending double plays to avoid early trouble and then retired 15 straight after giving up a leadoff double in the third.

The Orioles have lost consecutive games for the first time since June 28-29.

## Mets 7, Cubs 3

In New York, Wilmer Flores provided a spark with his bat and glove, leading Jonathon Niese as the Mets to a victory over the Cubs.

Juan Lagares drove in two runs and reliever Vic Black escaped a major jam unscathed to keep New York in control after Niese (7-8) exited. Star third baseman David Wright also was removed in the seventh, one inning after he was hit in the upper back by an 88 mph fastball from Dan Straily.

Called up from Triple-A Iowa to make a spot start, Dan Straily (0-1) was charged with seven runs — five earned — and four hits over 5 1-3 innings in his Cubs debut.

The 23-year-old Flores followed Lagares' RBI double with a two-run single in the second.

## Marlins 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Miami, Henderson Alvarez made a successful return to the mound after missing two starts, pitching seven strong innings to lead the Marlins over the Diamondbacks.

Alvarez (9-5) allowed one run and five hits. He struck out six after missing time with right shoulder inflammation. He lowered his home ERA to a National League-best 1.46 among qualifiers.

The Diamondbacks made five errors, their most since recording six on July 3, 2010, against the Dodgers.

Wade Miley (7-9) struck out nine in seven innings for Arizona. He allowed two runs — one earned — and four hits.

## Giants 6, Phillies 5

In San Francisco, Gregor Blanco hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the Giants rally for a victory over the Phillies.

Michael Morse had two doubles and a triple as San Francisco won for the second time in three games following a five-game skid. Blanco went 2 for 2 with two RBIs.

Ryan Howard had three hits and three RBIs for the Phillies, who have lost six of eight. Ben Revere went 4 for 5.

Jeremy Affeldt (3-1) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win. Antonio Bastardo (5-7) took the loss. Sergio Romo got the final two outs for his 23rd save.

# Rose hears cheers as US beats Brazil, 95-78



**CHICAGO**

(AP)—The roars for Derrick Rose started with the pregame introductions and did not fade until the final buzzer.

The Chicago Bulls superstar was back on his court, back in his element.

Rose showed some of his old explosiveness, fellow Chicago product Anthony Davis scored 20 points, and the U.S. beat Brazil 95-78 on Saturday night in a tuneup for the World Cup of Basketball.

With deafening cheers rocking the arena, Rose looked like an MVP at times even if he only had seven points. He also seemed happy to defer to his teammates in his first appearance at the United Center since his latest season-ending knee injury.

"I think everybody's excited," Rose said. "It was cool. At the same time, I can't get big-headed about it or anything like that. I've just got to keep poised."

What he needs to be is the

player he was—or close to it—before the knee injuries started to pile up. A torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee and a torn meniscus in his right knee two of the past three seasons derailed a rocketing rise from the city's South Side to the No. 1 pick in the draft and stardom with his hometown team.

The Bulls are counting on Rose to lead them back to contention in the Eastern Conference after they added some key pieces, including Pau Gasol.

"For Derrick, there are so many positives for this," said Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau, a U.S. assistant. "He shakes the rust off. He has a tremendous amount of pride. It's something that he wants to do and believes that he should do. I think this will be great preparation for the season."

Davis, who like Rose grew up on Chicago's South Side, dominated down the stretch, and the U.S. pulled away after Brazil kept it close for three quarters.

With a five-point lead going

into the fourth, the U.S. went on a 14-2 run to break open a 68-63 game.

Klay Thompson nailed a 3-pointer to start it, and Davis took over.

He hit two free throws and blocked a shot by Larry Taylor, leading to a three-point play for James Harden.

Davis then threw down an alley-oop dunk to make it a 15-point game, and after Leandro Barbosa scored for Brazil, he nailed a jumper. Harden (18 points) finished the run with two free throws, making it 82-65.

Tiago Splitter scored 16 for Brazil.

Fans started chanting, "We want Rose!" with their favorite player watching from the sideline as the U.S. pulled away. They got their wish when he checked back in with 5:20 left and let out yet another loud roar, although coach Mike Krzyzewski insisted he wasn't catering to the crowd.

That's how it was all night for Rose.



# Manziel says he's not ready for opener—yet



**BEREA, Ohio** (AP)—Johnny Manziel, so full of swagger and cool, understands his limitations. He's only a rookie.

And as the celebrity quarterback prepares for Cleveland's exhibition on Monday night in Washington, a game that could decide whether he or Brian Hoyer starts the season opener at Pittsburgh on Sept. 7, Manziel acknowledged he's still got a lot to learn.

"I don't think I'm ready for Pittsburgh right now," he said.

Manziel, though, was quick to point out that he's made progress during training camp, and he expects to get better running Cleveland's offense.

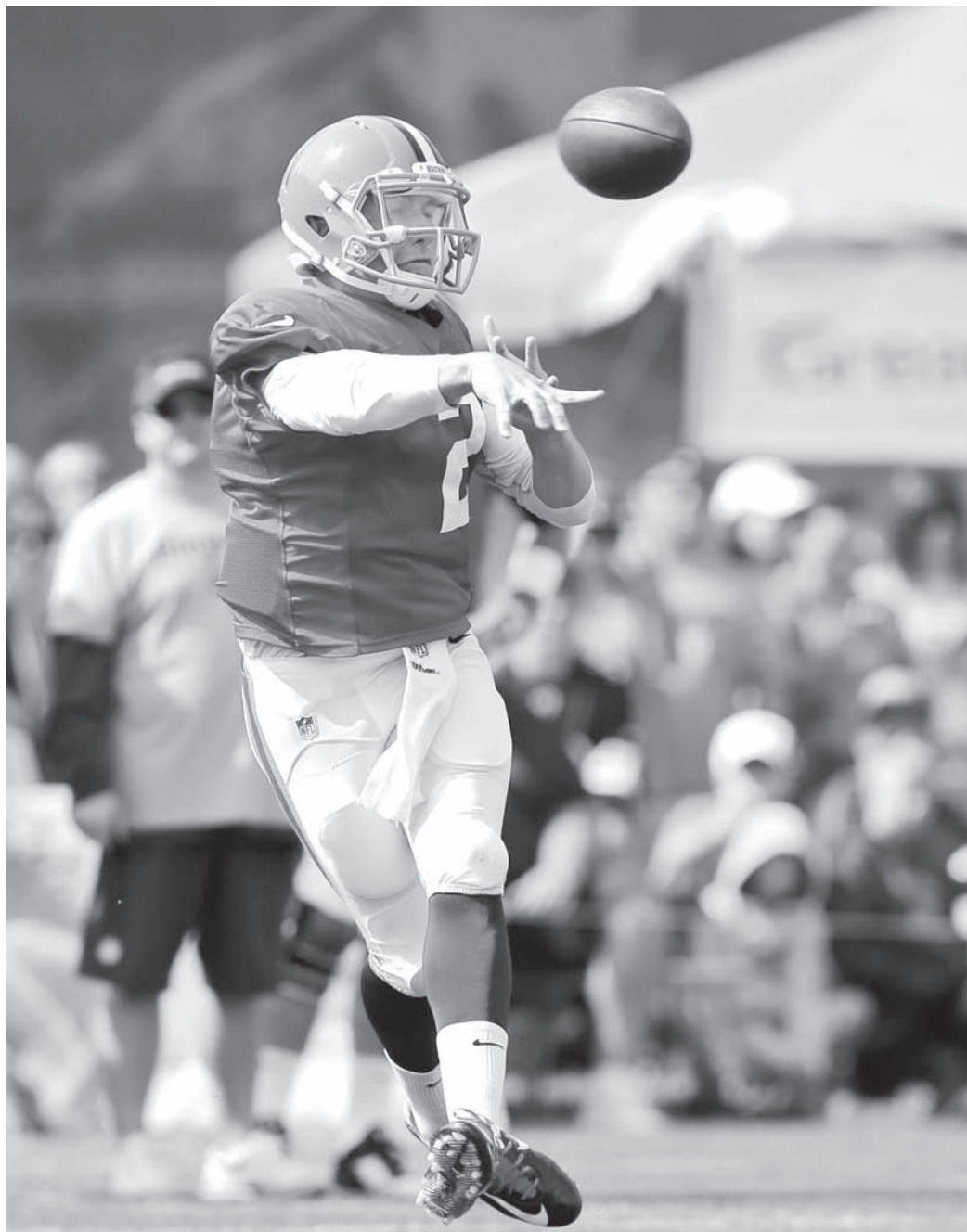
"I've only played one game, but the more and more you see it, the more you get familiar with it, the better it will be," Manziel said after practice Saturday.

Manziel and Hoyer will split time with Cleveland's first-team offense against the Redskins in a game being hyped as a nationally televised matchup between Johnny Football and RG3, Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Hoyer, who entered camp as the No. 1 QB and has done nothing to lose his starting job, was unaware that he's not part of the ratings campaign.

"I don't watch ESPN," he said. "It doesn't matter, because what matters is what coach (Mike) Pettine thinks and what (offensive coordinator) Kyle (Shanahan) thinks. The media can make any story they want. I avoid all of that. When it comes down to it, they're not the ones making the decisions."

The Hoyer-Manziel competition is nearing its conclusion, and it's still not clear if Pettine and his staff are leaning in one



Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel throws on the run during practice at NFL football training camp in Berea, Ohio Friday, Aug. 15, 2014. AP

direction.

Pettine is determined to get his two QBs an even amount of snaps against the Redskins. Pettine said he'll reach out to Washington coach Jay Gruden to find out his plans to use his starters so he can ensure that

Hoyer and Manziel face similar competition.

"If we have to make some adjustments to get the matchups we want then we will," Pettine said.

Pettine plans to meet with his staff and pick a starter Tuesday.

While most of the country is

eager to see what Manziel will do on the Monday night stage, the Heisman Trophy winner is staying calm and focused.

"I don't think there's any pressure for me," he said. "I'm still learning. I'm still growing. This is my second game. My expecta-

tions aren't through the roof. It's go out and compete extremely hard, be a leader for those guys, whatever group I'm with, and we'll see what happens."

After his off-field behavior in the offseason was widely scrutinized, Manziel is finding his habits are always being watched. He conceded to being late for a meeting on Monday morning after he misread a change in the team's schedule. Manziel said he and Pettine talked and have "moved on."

"It was an honest mistake and something I need to learn from and make sure it doesn't happen again," Manziel said.

As for Hoyer, he hasn't changed his belief that the Browns are his team. While dealing with the hysteria caused by Manziel, he has maintained he's only trying to become the

best quarterback possible. There may be signs that Manziel is Cleveland's quarterback of the future, but Hoyer is only concerned with the here and now.

He's aware that Pettine said the Week 1 starter should not think it's a permanent gig.

"It's a situation I dealt with last year when I came in and we kind of said it was a week to week thing," he said.

Hoyer also heard the trade speculation that began when the Browns signed veteran quarterback Rex Grossman earlier this week.

It's not worth worrying about.

"I guess people were trying to connect the dots and that's your job to do that," he said. "For me, I'm not concerned about anything like that. I'm looking forward to being the starting quarterback here."

## Panthers QB Newton ready for return to field

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** (AP)—Cam Newton will see his first game action since undergoing ankle surgery in March when the Carolina Panthers host the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night.

Just how much he'll play remains to be seen.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera expects Newton to play at least a quarter, but said it's possible the two-time Pro Bowl quarterback could see additional action. He said that will depend on how well the offensive line protects and if Newton can control his competitive urges to take off and run when pressured in the pocket.

"If we're playing well, doing good things and the offensive line is shoring up, we'll continue with him into the second (quarter)," Rivera said. "If not, we've got to be smart about this and make a decision."

Newton has been practicing all week and even ran some read option.

But Rivera said the Panthers won't be running the read option during the game. Nor does he want his quarterback's adrenaline taking over and having him running all over the field.

"He can't help himself because he loves to compete and he wants to win," Rivera said. "That is one of the things that is of concern—that he'll get out there and he may see something, he may go from a three to a seven (in terms of effort) and the next thing you know he's out there doing his thing. That's just who he is. He's very competitive."

The Panthers want Newton to avoid a setback before the regular season opener against Tampa Bay.

"Each day it's been getting better and better for me," Newton said. "At this point, we don't want to have any mishaps in the treatment process."

Newton said he's doing what he can for a healthy return for the regular season.

"The thing that keeps coming back up is, 'Keep treating it. Treat it when it feels good and treat it when it feels bad. Don't be that guy that only treats it when it's nagging. Try to stay ahead of the pain,'" Newton said. "That's what I've been doing. It's been paying off."

Rivera said some starters will play into the third quarter.

Rivera is treating this game like the third preseason game because the Panthers have a short week coming up as they prepare for New England next Friday.

This also will be the first chance for Newton to play with rookie wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin, who has been his top target during training camp. The Panthers are hoping Benjamin fills the void left by veteran Steve Smith, who was released this past offseason.

The Chiefs are looking for answers at wide receiver, too.

Dwayne Bowe is expected to anchor their receiving corps, but he will miss the first regular-season game because of a suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

Junior Hemingway is emerging as a big slot receiver and De'Anthony Thomas has the talent of a playmaker. Donnie Avery, Kyle Williams, A.J. Jenkins and Frankie Hammond Jr. are also competing for playing time and all would benefit from a good showing against the Panthers.

## Nick Watney takes 1-stroke lead at Wyndham



**GREENSBORO, N.C.** (AP)—Not many players birdied the tricky final hole at the Wyndham Championship on Saturday.

Nick Watney did to top leaderboard.

Watney made a 20-foot birdie putt from the right edge of the green on the par-4 18th for a 5-under 65 and a one-stroke lead. The five-time PGA Tour winner had a 14-under 196 total with only one bogey through three trips around Sedgefield Country Club.

"I've been trying to keep it pretty simple—a lot of fairways and greens, and I've been able to do that so far," Watney said. "I'm super excited about going into tomorrow with the lead. ... I'm looking forward to everything that comes with it, all the emotions and wanting to

do well and whatnot. Learning how to handle that is a big thing, and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Brad Fritsch was second after a 65.

Freddie Jacobson and second-round co-leader Heath Slocum were 12 under. Jacobson shot a 66, and Slocum had a 68.

Former Wyndham winners Brandt Snedeker and Webb Simpson joined second-round co-leader Scott Langley at 11 under in the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season. Snedeker and Simpson shot 66, and Langley had a 69.

Fritsch was the first to 13 under, but Watney joined him with a birdie on the par-5 15th—his second of the week on that hole.

Then came the sequence that gave him sole possession of the lead, and it came on the second-toughest hole of the day.

Watney plopped his fairway shot from 180 yards onto the

right edge of the green, then calmly rolled in his putt for just the fifth birdie of the day on 18.

"It's a hard hole as it is, and they put the pin on that back right little knob," Watney said. "It's a bonus and I'm very happy with it."

That put him in great position for his second top-10 finish of the year and his first victory since he won The Barclays in 2012.

Fritsch—a Canadian who played college golf at Campbell and lives in the Raleigh suburb of Holly Springs—said he asked the officials at the first tee to announce him as a North Carolinian.

"Just so people would know (and) get a little focus off Webb and a little onto me," Fritsch said with a laugh.

He made it to 13 under when he birdied the par-3 16th after placing his tee shot about 15 feet from the flagstick.

Fritsch, who is playing his second full season on the PGA Tour, put himself in position to challenge for his first victory on tour and his third top-10 finish.

He's also got a shot at making the postseason after arriving at Sedgefield at No. 163. The top 125 qualify for The Barclays next week in New Jersey.

He came to this tournament last year at No. 128 last year but missed the cut—and the playoffs.

"Can't tell you specifically what I found," Fritsch said. "Staying patient and not freaking out over a bogey, not freaking out over a missed fairway and not getting too aggressive—I think just that, really."

Andres Romero had the day's best round, a 64, and Kevin Foley and David Toms each had holes-in-one. Foley aced the par-3 12th with a 5-iron a few minutes before Toms did it on the par-3 seventh.



# Paul George still hopeful of returning this season

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Paul George beat the odds to become an NBA star. He'll have to do it all over again to play next season.



Indiana Pacers' Paul George leaves a news conference Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, in Indianapolis. George went down with a gruesome compound fracture in his right leg.

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De Guzman and Zapanta prevailed in Class B and C title duels against Arnel Ibarreta and Marie Candado, respectively.

The Talavera-Dumapit championship showdown was decided after only one game with the latter posting a 212-194 victory. Dumapit took the outright finals berth in Class A after topping the six-game qualifying roll-off, which featured 26 bowlers. The eventual champion tallied 200-plus pinfalls in three games (213, 258 and 263) to go with his 189, 179, and 178 for a total of 1,280 and average of 213.33. He and Talavera (169, 215 189, 161, 223, and 255) were the only two bowlers to average at least 200 pinfalls in the qualifier with the latter collecting 1,212 and averaging 202.

With his second place finish in the six-game roll-off, Talavera marched into the stepladder finals along with third placer

Rusty Musca. Musca averaged 193.83 pinfalls in the qualifier after recording 1,163 (180, 221, 180, 257, 175, and 150). Talavera and Musca went on to battle in the semifinals with the former winning, 170-167, to set a finals tiff against Dumapit.

In Class B, De Guzman also ruled the qualifying roll-off against 24 others and needed an extra game to foil Ibarreta's upset bid. De Guzman collected 1,187 pinfalls (204, 179, 182, 211, 231, 180) and averaged 197.83 to lead the qualifiers in the stepladder finals. Ibarreta, who registered 1,082 pinfalls (189, 243, 192, 149, 162 and 148) and averaged 180.33) and M.J. Aldan (1,051 pinfalls and average of 175.17) joined De Guzman in the playoffs. Ibarreta then eliminated Aldan, 224-184, to make it to the finals where he won Game 1, 154-148, to force a rubber match. In the deciding Game 2, De Guzman avoided Ibarreta's upset axe after notching a 156-142 victory.

the injury a "freak accident."

"All I can do at this point is sleep, watch TV and lay down, so it's tough for me. I'm used to being active, lifting weights, being in the gym," George said as his mother and father watched his news conference from a few feet away. "At the same time, I want to be part of this team. The last thing I want to do is feel like I'm not part of this team because I'm out. I'm holding out hope, just personally, because I want to be back."

George has thrived in the underdog role, going from mostly overlooked prep recruit to Fresno State star. He was impressive enough in college to catch the attention of Pacers president of basketball operations Larry Bird, who took him No. 10 overall in 2010. After his third season in the league, George was named the NBA's Most Improved Player. He's led the Pacers in scoring, played in the All-Star Game and made the league's all-defensive team each of the past two seasons.

Paul was injured Aug. 1 during a U.S. national team scrimmage in Las Vegas when he his right leg collided with the basketball stanchion, snapping it in two.

"When I looked down and saw bone sticking out, I knew it was bad," George said, later describing the feeling as having his leg lit on fire. "I'd felt pain before, but I have never felt pain like that. So I knew it was bad."

George said he has watched the replay once and won't watch it again.

Doctors have told the 24-year-old star that he is likely to make a full recovery, though it will take a full year.

In the Class C, Zapanta also took two games to pull off an upset in the all-female finale against Candado. Candado was an outright finalist in the division after topping the qualifier with her 922 pinfalls (139, 190, 153, 134, 143, and 163) and average of 153.67, while Zapanta placed second after tallying 910 (146, 158, 157, 138, 155, and 156) and averaging 151.67. Tom Bernardo caught the last bus to the stepladder finals with his 902 pinfalls (147, 132, 164, 151, 152, and 156) and average of 150.33. Zapanta then ousted Bernardo, 145-137, and moved one win away from clinching the division crown with a big 154-126 win over Candado in Game 1. Zapanta went on complete a stunner with an equally impressive 200-141 triumph in the deciding Game 2.

Zapanta and the Top 3 finishes in all three classes received cash prizes and trophy during the awards ceremony last Saturday night at SBC.

Bird and coach Frank Vogel said earlier this week they did not plan to have George in 2014-15.

George said he thinks he can change those plans—if he can avoid risking another injury.

George said doctors placed pins in his knee and ankle to stabilize a rod that was inserted into the injured leg, which

was broken in two places. Three days later, he returned to his suburban Indianapolis home where is now recuperating in a cast and hobbling around on crutches.

While no firm timetable has been set for his return, George said he could begin strengthening his right knee as early as next week. That's little consolation to the workaholic.

"This was going to be a huge year for me, so for me not to be out there at the beginning, I do feel a little guilty about that," George said. "It hurts."

The immediate question that went through George's mind was whether he did something wrong on the play.

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BA's Glenn Blautjens and Sam Jones in the finals. The NMBA bets swept the visiting Guam players in the championship game, 21-18, 21-18 to give the host the first win in the friendly competition. NMBA then recorded its second victory after Ferdie Arago defeated Sunardi in the men's singles finals, 21-11, 21-17. The men's singles finale was played a few minutes after the Lins secured the mixed doubles crown.

The Lins and Galvez and Choi arranged their title match after topping their respective groups, following a round-robin elimination. The husband and wife tandem won over GNB's Paolo Gozum and NMBA's Janelle Pangilinan and GNB's Cloyd Rosas and Malou Malasarte, while Choi and Galvez prevailed against NMBA's Ferdie Arago and Lanie Bartolome and Blautjens and Jen Savellano.

The mixed doubles title tiff was a back-and-forth affair right at the get-go before the Lins gained headway late in the game, 20-16. However, two short returns near the net from Lykki kept Galvez and Choi's hopes alive before Angelo ended the game with smash from the backline and Choi hit back with a wide shot to the right sideline.

In the second game, the NMBA players recovered and zoomed to a 5-0 lead to take control. Choi kept her composure against Lykki's net shots, while a cramping Galvez got a

second wind and peppered their foes with smashes with the last one sealing the game for NMBA. Galvez dropped the shuttlecock to the backline, catching the Lins off guard as they were anticipating a short shot.

With the match even, the Lins knew it is important to dictate the tempo of the duel early in the deciding game and they did what the doctor ordered, nailing a 6-1 advantage. Several errors from the visiting players allowed Choi and Galvez to close the gap, 7-8, before Lykki scored two of their team's last three points off a drop near the net and cross to the backline to gain more cushion at the break, 11-7. The Lins got the other point off Choi's wide return.

At the resumption of the third game, the Lins retained the lead and moved one point away from securing the title, 20-16, but failed to close out the match in the ensuing plays, as Lykki committed back-to-back errors with her returns hitting the net. Now down by only two, Galvez served and after the opposing teams traded shots twice, Lykki made up for the earlier booboos, leaping from the left backline for a smash that Choi failed to return.

Meanwhile, Arago managed to sweep Li in the last match of the tournament despite playing six matches in one night.

Showing no signs of fatigue from his earlier encounter with Guam's John Conducto on Court 1, Arago reported for the match on Court 2 about 30 minutes later to face a rested Li. Arago went on to score the

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first 15 points in the second frame, turning a 21-21 standoff to a 48-38 halftime lead.

Saipan Ice played catch up since then, but only managed to slice the deficit to seven in the third before TBK pulled away midway in the fourth en route to the 14-point victory. TBK cruised to victory in the end as it hit shots from different spots, while Saipan Ice was more focused on matching the former's offensive firepower instead of making defensive stops.

Pagarao top-scored for TBK with his 24 points, while the Devero siblings, Ivan, and Christian chipped in 21 each. Dan Barcinas had 29 points to lead Saipan Ice's losing cause.

**First Game**

**Blue Haus 91** – Talania 31, B. Camacho 12, E. Camacho 11, Lisua 9, Barrios 9, Capalad 8, Aquino 4, Moises 2.

**Destroyers 84** – De Dios 29, Gontar 14, Pena 11, Esdrelon 10, Fernandez 10, Santos 5, De Belen 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-25, 48-38, 69-62, 91-84.

**Second Game**

**TBK 98** – Pagarao 24, I. Devero 21, C. Devero 21, Catala 8, D. Mateo 6, N. Mateo 5, Fitial 4, Pangelinan 3.

**Saipan Ice 84** – Barcinas 29, Rangamar 17, Chen 12, N. Saralu 8, R. Saralu 5, Kaipat 5, Mendiola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-21, 48-38, 69-62, 98-84.

first two points of the match off a shot near the net and Lin's strong return and took an promising 11-4 advantage at the break. The NMBA player continued hitting a variety of shots in the second part of Game 1, while the Guam bet was still finding his rhythm, allowing the former to build a 20-8 advantage. An Arago service error, followed by two shots that hit the net kept Li in the game before the former went back to his strong suit, a smash to the backline to close Game 1.

After the relatively easy win in Game 1, Arago faced a tougher opposition in Game 2, as Li also showed his foe with a combination of smashes and drop shots. Li threatened Arago, 17-18, after a cross before the latter notched two straight points off a drop to the backside and a smash to move one point away from wrapping up the match. Arago served for the match point and after Lin moved toward the net for the return, the latter tried to go back to the backline but was a few steps slower and failed to receive the former's smash.

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East Division				
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Baltimore	69	52	.570	—
Toronto	64	60	.516	6½
New York	62	59	.512	7
Tampa Bay	61	62	.496	9
Boston	56	66	.459	13½
Central Division				
Kansas City	67	55	.549	—
Detroit	66	55	.545	½
Cleveland	62	60	.508	5
Chicago	58	65	.472	9½
Minnesota	55	66	.455	11½
West Division				
Los Angeles	72	49	.595	—
Oakland	73	50	.593	—
Seattle	66	56	.541	6½
Houston	51	73	.411	22½
Texas	47	76	.382	26
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
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Atlanta	63	60	.512	6
Miami	61	62	.496	8
New York	59	65	.476	10½
Philadelphia	54	69	.439	15
Central Division				
Milwaukee	69	55	.556	—
St. Louis	65	57	.533	3
Pittsburgh	64	59	.520	4½
Cincinnati	61	61	.500	7
Chicago	52	70	.426	16
West Division				
Los Angeles	70	55	.560	—
San Francisco	64	58	.525	4½
San Diego	58	64	.475	10½
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# 2014 NMBA-GNBF Friendly Competition

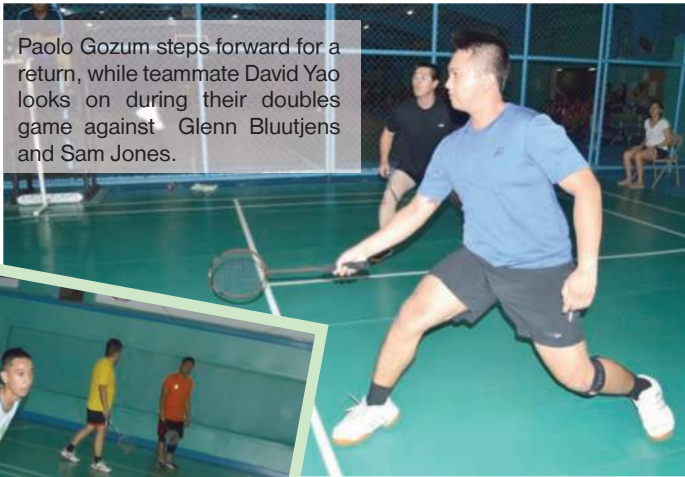
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Winners in the 2014 NMBA-GNBF Friendly Competition pose with their plaques and the organizers of the tournament held over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.



Angelo Lin checks the positions of their opponents before making a serve.



Paolo Gozum steps forward for a return, while teammate David Yao looks on during their doubles game against Glenn Bluutjens and Sam Jones.



Guam National Badminton Federation's Angelo Lin and Sunardi Li exchange hi-fives with Northern Marianas Badminton Association's Andreau Galvez and Ferdie Arago before playing in the men's doubles game.



John Conducto stretches for a return, while teammate Cloyd Rosas stays back during their doubles game against Jerry Hibi and Jordan Pangilinan.



Jordan Pangilinan makes a backhand return, while Jerry Hibi stands by for the next play.



Cloyd Rosas serves.



David Yao chases a low shot.



From left, mixed doubles finalists Angelo and Lykki Lin, Hannah Choi, and Andreau Galvez pose for a photo before playing in the finals.



Hannah Choi receives a service from Lykki Lin.





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## Husband and wife spoil Saipan sweep



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Angelo Lin chases the shuttlecock near the net during his and wife Lykki's mixed doubles title match against Andreau Galvez and Hannah Choi during the 2014 NMBA-GNBF Friendly Competition last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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The husband and wife pair of Angelo and Lykki Lin of Guam National Badminton Federation foiled a Saipan sweep of the 2014 NMBA-GNBF Friendly Competition held over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Lins topped the mixed doubles event of the two-day tournament after outclassing Saipan's Andreau Galvez and Hannah Choi in last Saturday's finale, 21-18, 12-21, 21-18. Angelo countered Galvez's strong smashes and cross court hits, while Lykki scored on several net



shots and good placements to beat the top singles players of Northern Marianas Badminton Association.

Angelo and his wife played in the finals the same night the former and his men's doubles partner Sunardi Li fell to NM-

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## 3 top PBA Classified tourney

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Raul Dumapit, Roger De Guzman, and Gigi Zapanta won their respective events in the 2013 Philippine Bowling Association Budweiser Classified Tournament held early this month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Dumapit clinched the championship in Class A after beating Robert Talavera in the finals, while

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## Blue Haus, TBK Mechanics prevail in DL Corp. caging



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Blue Haus and TBK Mechanics gained momentum in the second quarter of their separate games in the DL Corp Invitational Basketball League Season 4 to down their respective foes last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Blue Haus duelled the Destroyers in the curtain-raiser and earned a 91-84 win, while TBK Mechanics coasted past Saipan Ice & Water in the nightcap, 98-84.

Behind by eight after the first period, 17-25, Blue Haus sizzled in the second quarter, firing 31 big points to grab the upper hand, 48-38. Melvin Capalad

ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
TBK Mechanics' Kelvin Fitial drives and draws a foul on Saipan Ice's Zhe Chen during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

started in Blue Haus' second period fight back, as he drained all his eight markers in that frame, while Edwin Camacho converted two triples, as their combined points were enough to outgun the entire Destroyers' crew. The Destroyers drilled only 13 markers, their lowest output in a quarter.

Camacho continued hitting his target in the third and had a new partner in crime in Brandon Talania, who dropped 10 markers. Talania and Camacho traded baskets with the Destroyer's Elmer Esdrelon and Sam Fernandez to keep Blue Haus in front after the third, 69-62.

Talanía was still at it in the fourth adding 12 more markers to retain Blue Haus' safe distance and seven-point win. Talania finished with a game-high 31 points.

In the second game, TBK seized control of its match against Saipan Ice in the second canto after a deadlock in the first period. Ivan De Vero and Lerio Pagarao teamed up in TBK's

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From left, Class A champion Raul Dumapit, Class B winner Roger De Guzman, and Class C top finisher Gigi Zapanta pose with their prizes during the awards ceremony for the 2014 PBA Classified Bowling Tournament last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.